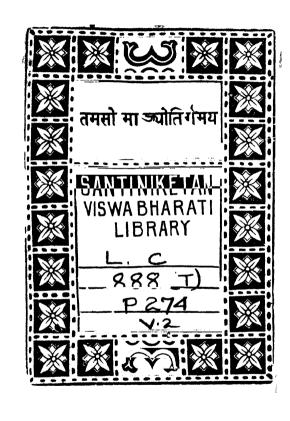
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BOOK VII

SEPULCHRAL EPIGRAMS

The genuine epitaphs (those actually engraved on tombstones) in this collection are comparatively few in number. It would be easy to draw up a list of them, but I refrain from this, as there are too many doubtful cases. Those on celebrities are of course all poetical exercises in the form of epitaphs, but a considerable number of those on unknown persons are doubtless the same. In order to appreciate the Greek sepulchral epigram as it was, we should have a selection of those actually preserved on stones. Cephalas has introduced a few copied from stones (330-335, 340, 346), but Meleager, Philippus, and Agathias drew, of course, from literary and not epigraphical sources in forming their anthologies.

Nothing can be less certain than the attributions to the elder poets (Anacreon, Simonides, etc.) in this book: we may be sure that, while they published their lyrics, they did not publish collections of occasional epigrams; so that the latter are attributed to them merely by hearsay and guesswork. The authorship of the few epigrams (some very beautiful) attributed to Plato is now a matter of dispute, but I think we have no right to deny it, as they are very short and would have survived in memory. The attributions to later writers are doubtless in the main correct—the epigrams of Theocritus being included in MSS. of his works, and derived from such a MS. and not from Meleager, who does not, curiously enough, mention him in his Proem.

Here, as in Book VI, continuous portions of the three chief sources are the exception. Nos. 1-150, epigrams on famous men (chiefly poets and philosophers), could not of course comprise any such. Overlooking shorter fragments, Nos. 194-203, 207-212, 246-273, 296-303, 314-318, 406-529, 535-541, 646-655, 707-740 are from Meleager's Wreath, 183-188, 233-240, 364-405, 622-645, 699-703 are from that of Philippus, and 551-614 from the Cycle of Agathias. Nos. 681-688 are by Palladas.

¹ All on animals, but in the alphabetical order of the first letters, like the fragments of Philippus' Wreath.

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ЕПІГРАММАТА ЕПІТҮМВІА

1.—ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΟΥ

Ἡρώων τὸν ἀοιδὸν Ἰφ ἔνι παίδες Ὁμηρον ήκαχον, ἐκ Μουσέων γρῖφον ὑφηνάμενοι νέκταρι δ' εἰνάλιαι Νηρηίδες ἐχρίσαντο, καὶ νέκυν ἀκταίη θῆκαν ὑπὸ σπιλάδι, ὅττι Θέτιν κύδηνε καὶ υίέα, καὶ μόθον ἄλλων ἡρώων, Ἰθακοῦ τ' ἔργματα Λαρτιάδεω. ὁλβίστη νήσων πόντφ Ἰος, ὅττι κέκευθε βαιὴ Μουσάων ἀστέρα καὶ Χαρίτων.

2.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τὰν μερόπων Πειθώ, τὸ μέγα στόμα, τὰν ἴσα Μούσαις φθεγξαμέναν κεφαλάν, ὁ ξένε, Μαιονίδεω ἄδ' ἔλαχον νασῖτις Ἰου σπιλάς· οὐ γὰρ ἐν ἄλλα ἱερόν, ἀλλ' ἐν ἐμοί, πνεῦμα θανὼν ἔλιπεν,

¹ The riddle which Homer, according to the story, could

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1.—ALCAEUS OF MESSENE

On Homer

In Ios the boys, weaving a riddle¹ at the bidding of the Muses, vexed to death Homer the singer of the heroes. And the Nereids of the sea anointed him with nectar and laid him dead under the rock on the shore; because he glorified Thetis and her son and the battle-din of the other heroes and the deeds of Odysseus of Ithaca. Blessed among the islands in the sea is Ios, for small though she be, she covers the star of the Muses and Graces.

2.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Same

O STRANGER, it is granted to me, this island rock of Ios, to hold Maeonides, the Persuader of men, the mighty-voiced, who sang even as the Muses. For in no other island but in me did he leave, when he died, the holy breath with which he told of the almighty not guess was: "What we caught we left, what we did not catch we bring," i.e. lice.

ψ νεῦμα Κρονίδαο τὸ παγκρατές, ψ καὶ "Ολυμπον 5 καὶ τὰν Αἴαντος ναύμαχον εἶπε βίαν,
 καὶ τὰν Αχιλλείοις Φαρσαλίσιν" Εκτορα πώλοις όστέα Δαρδανικῷ δρυπτόμενον πεδίφ.
 εἰ δ' ὀλίγα κρύπτω τὸν ταλίκον, ἴσθ' ὅτι κεὐθει καὶ Θέτιδος γαμέταν ά βραγύβωλος "Ικος.

2 B.—ΑΛΛΟ

Εἰ καὶ βαιὸς ὁ τύμβος, ὁδοιπόρε, μή με παρέλθης, ἀλλὰ κατασπείσας, ἰσα θεοῖσι σέβου τὸν γὰρ Πιερίδεσσι τετιμένον ἔξοχα Μούσαις ποιητὴν ἐπέων θεῖον 'Όμηρον ἔχω.

3.—AAHAON

Ένθάδε τὴν ἱερὴν κεφαλὴν κατὰ γαῖα καλύπτει, ἀνδρῶν ἡρώων κοσμήτορα, θεῖον "Ομηρον.

4.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Ένθάδε Πιερίδων το σοφον στόμα, θεῖον "Ομηρον, κλεινὸς ἐπ' ἀγχιάλω τύμβος ἔχει σκοπέλω. εἰ δ' ὀλίγη γεγαυῖα τόσον χάδεν ἀνέρα νῆσος, μὴ τόδε θαμβήσης, ὧ ξένε, δερκόμενος καὶ γὰρ ἀλητεύουσα κασιγνήτη ποτὲ Δῆλος μητρὸς ἀπ' ὧδίνων δέξατο Λητοίδην.

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nod of Zeus, and of Olympus, and of the strength of Ajax fighting for the ships, and of Hector his flesh stripped from his bones by the Thessalian horses of Achilles that dragged him over the plain of Troy. If thou marvellest that I who am so small cover so great a man, know that the spouse of Thetis likewise lies in Ikos that hath but a few clods of earth.

2 B.—Anonymous

On the Same

WAYFARER, though the tomb be small, pass me not by, but pour on me a libation, and venerate me as thou dost the gods. For I hold divine Homer the poet of the epic, honoured exceedingly by the Pierian Muses.

3.—Anonymous

On the Same

HERE the earth covereth the sacred man, divine Homer, the marshaller of the heroes.

4.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

On the Same

HERE the famous tomb on the rock by the sea holdeth divine Homer, the skilled mouth by which the Muses spoke. Wonder not, O stranger, as thou lookest, if so little an island can contain so great a man. For my sister Delos, while she wandered yet on the waves, received Apollo from his mother's womb.

5.4-ΑΔΗΛΟΝ, οί δὲ φασὶν ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ

Οὐδ' εἴ με χρύσειον ἀπὸ ἡαιστῆρος "Ομηρον στήσητε φλογέαις ἐν Διὸς ἀστεροπαῖς, οὐκ εἴμ' οὐδ' ἔσομαι Σαλαμίνιος, οὐδ' ὁ Μέλητος Δμησαγόρου· μὴ ταῦτ' ὅμμασιν Ἑλλὰς ἴδοι. ἄλλον ποιητὴν βασανίζετε· τὰμὰ δέ, Μοῦσαι καὶ Χίος, Ἑλλήνων παισὶν ἀείσετ' ἔπη.

6.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

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'Ηρώων κάρυκ' ἀρετᾶς, μακάρων δὲ προφήταν,
'Ελλάνων βιοτᾳ δεύτερον ἀέλιον,
Μουσῶν φέγγος" Ομηρον, ἀγήραντον στόμα κόσμου
παντός, ἀλιρροθία, ξεῖνε, κέκευθε κόνις.

$7. -A \Lambda \Lambda O$

'Ενθάδε θεῖος 'Όμηρος, δς Ελλάδα πᾶσαν ἄεισε, Θήβης ἐκγεγαὼς τῆς ἐκατονταπύλου.

8.-ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Οὐκέτι θελγομένας, 'Ορφεῦ, δρύας, οὐκέτι πέτρας ἄξεις, οὐ θηρῶν αὐτονόμους ἀγέλας· οὐκέτι κοιμάσεις ἀνέμων βρόμον, οὐχὶ χάλαζαν, οὐ νιφετῶν συρμούς, οὐ παταγεῦσαν ἄλα.

¹ To call himself yours.

² This epigram is not meant to be sepulchral, but refers to

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5.—Uncertain, by Some Attributed to ALCAEUS

On the Same

No, not even if ye set me, Homer, up all of beaten gold in the burning lightning of Zeus, I am not and will not be a Salaminian, I the son of Meles will not be the son of Dmesagoras; let not Greece look on that. Tempt some other poet, but it is thou, Chios, who with the Muses shalt sing my verses to the sons of Hellas.²

6.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Same

O STRANGER, the sea-beat earth covers Homer, the herald of the heroes' valour, the spokesman of the gods, a second sun to the life of the Greeks, the light of the Muses, the mouth that groweth not old of the whole world.

7.—Anonymous On the Same

HERE is divine Homer, who sang of all Hellas, born in Thebes of the hundred gates.³

8.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the poet Orpheus, son of Oeagrus and Calliope

No more, Orpheus, shalt thou lead the charmed oaks and rocks and the shepherdless herds of wild beasts. No more shalt thou lull to sleep the howling winds and the hail, and the drifting snow, and a statue of Homer at Salamis in Cyprus, one of the towns which claimed his parentage.

3 i.e. Egyptian Thebes, which also claimed to be his birth-

place.

ώλεο γάρε σε δε πολλα κατωδύραντο θύγατρες 5 Μεαμοσύνας, μάτηρ δ' έξοχα Καλλιόπα. τί φθιμένοις στοναχεῦμεν ἐφ' υἰάσιν, ἀνίκ' ἀλαλκεῖν τῶν παίδων 'Αἴδην οὐδε θεοῖς δύναμις;

9.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

'Ορφέα Θρηϊκίησι παρὰ προμολῆσιν 'Ολύμπου τύμβος ἔχει, Μούσης υίέα Καλλιόπης, ῷ δρύες οὐκ ἀπίθησαν, ὅτῷ σὺν ἄμ' ἔσπετο πέτρη ἄψυχος, θηρῶν θ' ὑλονόμων ἀγέλα, ὅς ποτε καὶ τελετὰς μυστηρίδας εὔρετο Βάκχου, καὶ στίχον ἡρῷῷ ζευκτὸν ἔτευξε ποδί, ὃς καὶ ἀμειλίκτοιο βαρὰ Κλυμένωιο νόημα καὶ τὸν ἀκήλητον θυμὸν ἔθελξε λύρᾳ.

10.-ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Καλλιόπης 'Ορφηα καὶ Οιάγροιο θανόντα ἔκλαυσαν ξανθαὶ μυρία Βιστονίδες στικτοὺς δ' ημάξαντο βραχίονας, ἀμφιμελαίνη δευόμεναι σποδιή Θρητκιον πλόκαμον καὶ δ' αὐταὶ στοναχεῦντι σὰν εὐφόρμιγγι Λυκείω ἔρρηξαν Μοῦσαι δάκρνα Πιερίδες, μυρόμεναι τὸν ἀοιδόν ἐπωδύραντο δὲ πέτραι καὶ δρύες, ἃς ἐρατῆ τὸ πρὶν ἔθελγε λύρη.

11.--ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΑΔΟΥ

'Ο γλυκὺς 'Ηρίννης οὖτος πόνος, οὐχὶ πολὺς μέν, ώς ἄν παρθενικᾶς ἐννεακαιδεκέτευς,

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the roaring sea. For dead thou art; and the daughters of Mnemosyne bewailed thee much, and before all thy mother Calliope. Why sigh we for our dead sons, when not even the gods have power to protect their children from death?

9.—DAMAGETUS

On the Same

The tomb on the Thracian skirts of Olympus holds Orpheus, son of the Muse Calliope; whom the trees disobeyed not and the lifeless rocks followed, and the herds of the forest beasts; who discovered the mystic rites of Bacchus, and first linked verse in heroic feet; who charmed with his lyre even the heavy sense of the implacable Lord of Hell, and his unyielding wrath.

10.—Anonymous

On the Same

The fair-haired daughters of Bistonia shed a thousand tears for Orpheus dead, the son of Calliope and Oeagrus; they stained their tattooed arms with blood, and dyed their Thracian locks with black ashes. The very Muses of Pieria, with Apollo, the master of the lute, burst into tears mourning for the singer, and the rocks moaned, and the trees, that erst he charmed with his lovely lyre.

11.—ASCLEPIADES

On Erinna (inscribed on a Volume of her Poems)

This is the sweet work of Erinna, not great indeed in volume, as being that of a maiden of nineteen,

άλλ' έτέρων πολλών δυνατώτερος εἰ δ' 'Aίδας μοι μὴ ταχὺς ἦλθε, τίς ἂν ταλίκον ἔσχ' ὄνομα;

J. H. Merivale, in Collections from the Greek Anthology, 1833, p. 205; J. A. Symonds the younger, in Studies of the Greek Poets, ii. p. 305.

12.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

"Αρτι λοχευομένην σε μελισσοτόκων ἔαρ ὕμνων, ἄρτι δὲ κυκνείω φθεγγομένην στόματι, ἤλασεν εἰς 'Αχέροντα διὰ πλατὺ κῦμα καμόντων Μοῖρα, λινοκλώστου δεσπότις ἤλακάτης σὸς δ' ἐπέων, "Ηριννα, καλὸς πόνος οὔ σε γεγωνεῖ φθίσθαι, ἔχειν δὲ χοροὺς ἄμμιγα Πιερίσιν.

13.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ, οί δὲ ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Παρθενικὰν νεάοιδον ἐν ὑμνοπόλοισι μέλισσαν Ἡρινναν, Μουσῶν ἄνθεα δρεπτομέναν, Ἦλος εἰς ὑμέναιον ἀνάρπασεν. ἢ ρα τόδ' ἔμφρων εἰπ' ἐτύμως ἀ παῖς. " Βάσκανος ἔσσ', 'Αίδα."

14.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Σαπφώ τοι κεύθεις, χθών Αἰολί, τὰν μετὰ Μούσαις ἀθανάταις θνατὰν Μοῦσαν ἀειδομέναν, ἃν Κύπρις καὶ Ἔρως συνάμ' ἔτραφον, ἄς μέτα Πειθὼ ἔπλεκ' ἀείζωον Πιερίδων στέφανον, Έλλάδι μὲν τέρψιν, σοὶ δὲ κλέος. ὧ τριέλικτον Κοῦραι δινεῦσαι νῆμα κατ' ἤλακάτας, πῶς οὐκ ἐκλώσασθε πανάφθιτον ἤμαρ ἀοιδῷ ἄφθιτα μησαμένα δῶρ' Ἑλικωνιάδων;

A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed 2, p 173.

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but greater in power than that of many others. If Death had not come early to me, who would have had such a name?

12.—Anonymous

On the Same

Just as thou wast giving birth to the spring of thy honeyed hymns, and beginning to sing with thy swan-like voice, Fate, mistress of the distaff that spins the thread, bore thee over the wide lake of the dead to Acheron. But the beautiful work, Erinna, of thy verse cries aloud that thou art not dead, but joinest in the dance of the Muses.

13.—LEONIDAS or MELEAGER

On the Same

As Erinna, the maiden honey-bee, the new singer in the poets' quire, was gathering the flowers of the Muses, Hades carried her off to wed her. That was a true word, indeed, the girl spoke when she lived: "Hades, thou art an envious god."

14.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On Sappho

O Aeolian land, thou coverest Sappho, who with the immortal Muses is celebrated as the mortal Muse; whom Cypris and Eros together reared, with whom Peitho wove the undying wreath of song, a joy to Hellas and a glory to thee. O ye Fates twirling the triple thread on the spindle, why spun ye not an everlasting life for the singer who devised the deathless gifts of the Muses of Helicon?

15.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Οὔνομά μευ Σαπφώ. τόσσον δ΄ ὑπερέσχον ἀοιδὰν θηλειᾶν, ἀνδρῶν ὅσσον ὁ Μαιονίδας.

16.—ΠΙΝΥΤΟΥ

'Οστέα μὲν καὶ κωφὸν ἔχει τάφος οὔνομα Σαπφοῦς· αἱ δὲ σοφαὶ κείνης ῥήσιες ἀθάνατοι.

17.—ΤΥΛΛΙΟΥ ΛΑΥΡΕΑ

Αἰολικὸν παρὰ τύμβον ἰών, ξένε, μή με θανοῦσαν τὰν Μυτιληναίαν ἔννεπ' ἀοιδοπόλον· τόνδε γὰρ ἀνθρώπων ἔκαμον χέρες· ἔργα δὲ φωτῶν ἔς ταχινὴν ἔρρει τοιάδε ληθεδόνα. ἢν δέ με Μουσάων ἐτάσης χάριν, ὧν ἀφ' ἐκάστης δαίμονος ἄνθος ἐμῆ θῆκα παρ' ἐννεάδι, γνώσεαι ὡς 'Αἴδεω σκότον ἔκφυγον· οὐδέ τις ἔσται τῆς λυρικῆς Σαπφοῦς νώνυμος ἠέλιος.

18.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

'Ανέρα μὴ πέτρη τεκμαίρεο. λιτὸς ὁ τύμβος οφθῆναι, μεγάλου δ' όστέα φωτὸς ἔχει. εἰδήσεις 'Αλκμᾶνα, λύρης ἐλατῆρα Λακαίνης ἔξοχον, ὃν Μουσέων ἐννε' ἀριθμὸς ἔχει· κεῖται δ' ἠπείροις διδύμοις ἔρις, εἴθ' ὅγε Λυδός, εἴτε Λάκων· πολλαὶ μητέρες ὑμνοπόλων.

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15.—ANTIPATER

On the Same

My name is Sappho, and I excelled all women in song as much as Maeonides excelled men.

16.—PINYTUS

On the Same

The tomb holds the bones and the dumb name of Sappho, but her skilled words are immortal.

17.—TULLIUS LAUREAS

On the Same

When thou passest, O stranger, by the Aeolian tomb, say not that I, the Lesbian poetess, am dead. This tomb was built by the hands of men, and such works of mortals are lost in swift oblivion. But if thou enquirest about me for the sake of the Muses, from each of whom I took a flower to lay beside my nine flowers of song, thou shalt find that I escaped the darkness of death, and that no sun shall dawn and set without memory of lyric Sappho.

18.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

On Aleman

Do not judge the man by the stone. Simple is the tomb to look on, but holds the bones of a great man. Thou shalt know Aleman the supreme striker of the Laconian lyre, possessed by the nine Muses. Here resteth he, a cause of dispute to two continents, if he be a Lydian or a Spartan. Minstrels have many mothers.

¹ i.e. books of verse.

19.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Τον χαρίεντ' 'Αλκμᾶνα, τον ύμνητηρ' ύμεναίων κύκνον, τον Μουσων ἄξια μελψάμενον, τύμβος ἔχει, Σπάρτας μεγάλαν χάριν, †εἰθ' ὅ γε λοῖσθος ἄχθος ἀπορρίψας οἴχεται εἰς 'Αίδαν.

20.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

'Εσβέσθης, γηραιε Σοφόκλεες, ἄνθος ἀοιδῶν, οἰνωπον Βάκχου βότρυν ερεπτόμενος.

21.—ΣΙΜΙΟΥ

Τὸν σὲ χοροῖς μέλψαντα Σοφοκλέα, παίδα Σοφίλλου, τὸν τραγικῆς Μούσης ἀστέρα Κεκρόπιον, πολλάκις ὃν θυμέλησι καὶ ἐν σκηνῆσι τεθηλὼς βλαισὸς ᾿Αχαρνίτης κισσὸς ἔρεψε κόμην, τύμβος ἔχει καὶ γῆς ὀλίγον μέρος ἀλλ᾽ ὁ περισσὸς ταὶων ἀθανάτοις δέρκεται ἐν σελίσιν.

22.—TOY AYTOY

'Ηρέμ' ὑπὲρ τύμβοιο Σοφοκλέος, ἠρέμα, κισσέ, ἐρπύζοις, χλοεροὺς ἐκπροχέων πλοκάμους, καὶ πέταλον πάντη θάλλοι ῥόδου, ἤ τε φιλορρὼξ ἄμπελος, ὑγρὰ πέριξ κλήματα χευαμένη, εἵνεκεν εὐεπίης πινυτόφρονος, ἢν ὁ μελιχρὸς ἤσκησ' ἐκ Μουσέων ἄμμιγα καὶ Χαρίτων.

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19.—LEONIDAS (OF ALEXANDRIA?)

On the Same

ALCMAN the graceful, the swan-singer of wedding hymns, who made music worthy of the Muses, lieth in this tomb, a great ornament to Sparta, or perhaps at the last he threw off his burden and went to Hades.

(The last couplet is quite obscure as it stands.)

20.—Anonymous

On Sophocles

Thy light is out, aged Sophocles, flower of poets, crowned with the purple clusters of Bacchus.

21.—SIMIAS

On the Same

O Sophocles, son of Sophillus, singer of choral odes, Attic star of the tragic Muse, whose locks the curving ivy of Acharnae often crowned in the orchestra and on the stage, a tomb and a little portion of earth hold thee; but thy exquisite life shines yet in thy immortal pages.

22.—By THE SAME

Gently over the tomb of Sophocles, gently creep, O ivy, flinging forth thy green curls, and all about let the petals of the rose bloom, and the vine that loves her fruit shed her pliant tendrils around, for the sake of that wise-hearted beauty of diction that the Muses and Graces in common bestowed on the sweet singer.

23.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Θάλλοι τετρακόρυμβος, 'Ανάκρεον, ἀμφὶ σὲ κισσός, άβρά τε λειμώνων πορφυρέων πέταλα· πηγαὶ δ' ἀργινόεντος ἀναθλίβοιντο γάλακτος, εὐῶδες δ' ἀπὸ γῆς ἡδὺ χέοιτο μέθυ, ὄφρα κέ τοι σποδιή τε καὶ ὀστέα τέρψιν ἄρηται, εἰ δή τις φθιμένοις χρίμπτεται εὐφροσύνα.

23 B.—EIS TON AYTON

'Ω τὸ φίλον στέρξας, φίλε, βάρβιτον, ὧ σὺν ἀοιδᾳ̂ πάντα διαπλώσας καὶ σὺν ἔρωτι βίον.

24.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Ήμερὶ πανθέλκτειρα, μεθυτρόφε, μῆτερ ὀπώρας, οὔλης ἢ σκολιὸν πλέγμα φύεις ἔλικος, Τηΐου ἡβήσειας ἀνακρείοντος ἐπ' ἄκρη στήλη καὶ λεπτῷ χώματι τοῦδε τάφου, ώς ὁ φιλάκρητός τε καὶ οἰνοβαρὴς φιλοκώμοις παννυχίσιν κρούων τὴν φιλόπαιδα χέλυν, κὴν χθονὶ πεπτηώς, κεφαλῆς ἐφύπερθε φέροιτο ἀγλαὸν ὡραίων βότριν ἀπ' ἀκρεμόνων, καί μιν ἀεὶ τέγγοι νοτερὴ δρόσος, ἤς ὁ γεραιὸς λαρότερον μαλακῶν ἔπνεεν ἐκ στομάτων.

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25.—TOY AYTOY

Οὖτος 'Ανακρείοντα, τὸν ἄφθιτον εἵνεκα Μουσέων ὑμνοπόλον, πάτρης τύμβος ἔδεκτο Τέω,

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23.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On Anacreon

LET the four-clustered ivy, Anacreon, flourish around thee, and the tender flowers of the purple meadows; and let fountains of white milk bubble up, and sweet-smelling wine gush from the earth, so that thy ashes and bones may have joy, if indeed any delight toucheth the dead.

23 B.—Anonymous

On the Same

O BELOVED who didst love the clear lute, O thou who didst sail through thy whole life with song and with love.

24:—SIMONIDES (?)

On the Same

O VINE who soothest all, nurse of wine, mother of the grape, thou who dost put forth thy web of curling tendrils, flourish green in the fine soil and climb up the pillar of the grave of Teian Anacreon; that he, the reveller heavy with wine, playing all through the night on his lad-loving lyre, may even as he lies low in earth have the glorious ripe clusters hanging from the branches, over his head, and that he may be ever steeped in the dew that scented the old man's tender lips so sweetly.

25.—By THE SAME (?)

On the Same

In this tomb of Teos, his home, was Anacreon laid, the singer whom the Muses made deathless, who

δς Χαρίτων πνείοντα μέλη, πνείοντα δ΄ Ἐρώτων, τον γλυκὸν ἐς παίδων ἵμερον ἡρμόσατο. μοῦνος δ΄ εἰν ᾿Αχέροντι βαρύνεται, οὐχ ὅτι λείπων 5 ἤέλιον, Λήθης ἐνθάδ΄ ἔκυρσε δόμων ἀλλ΄ ὅτι τον χαρίεντα μετ᾽ ἤϊθέοισι Μεγιστέα, καὶ τον Σμερδίεω Θρῆκα λέλοιπε πόθον. μολπῆς δ΄ οὐ λήγει μελιτερπέος, ἀλλ΄ ἔτ᾽ ἐκεῖνον βάρβιτον οὐδὲ θανὼν εὔνασεν εἰν ᾿Αἴδη.

26.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Εείνε, τάφον παρὰ λιτὸν 'Ανακρείοντος ἀμείβων, εἴ τί τοι ἐκ βίβλων ἢλθεν ἐμῶν ὄφελος, σπεῖσον ἐμῷ σποδιῷ σπεῖσον γάνος, ὄφρα κεν οἴνω ὀστέα γηθήση τάμὰ νοτιζόμενα, ώς ὁ Διωνύσου μεμελημένος εὐάσι κώμοις, ώς ὁ φιλακρήτου σύντροφος άρμονίης μηδὲ καταφθίμενος Βάκχου δίχα τοῦτον ὑποίσω τὸν γενεῷ μερόπων χῶρον ὀφειλόμενον.

27.—TOY AYTOY

Είης ἐν μακάρεσσιν, 'Ανάκρεον, εὖχος 'Ιώνων, μήτ' ἐρατῶν κώμων ἄνδιχα, μήτε λύρης· ὑγρὰ δὲ δερκομένοισιν ἐν ὅμμασιν οὖλον ἀείδοις, αἰθύσσων λιπαρῆς ἄνθος ὕπερθε κόμης, ἢὲ πρὸς Εὐρυπύλην τετραμμένος, ἢὲ Μεγιστῆ, ἢ Κίκονα Θρηκὸς Σμερδίεω πλόκαμον, ἡδὺ μέθυ βλύζων, ἀμφίβροχος εἴματα Βάκχω, ἄκρητον λείβων νέκταρ ἀπὸ στολίδων. τρισσοῖς γάρ, Μούσαισι, Διωνύσω καὶ Ἔρωτι, πρέσβυ, κατεσπείσθη πᾶς ὁ τεὸς βίστος.

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BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 26-27

set to the sweet love of lads measures breathing of the Graces, breathing of Love. Alone in Acheron he grieves not that he has left the sun and dwelleth there in the house of Lethe, but that he has left Megisteus, graceful above all the youth, and his passion for Thracian Smerdies. Yet never doth he desist from song delightful as honey, and even in Hades he hath not laid that lute to rest.

26.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Same

STRANGER who passest by the simple tomb of Anacreon, if any profit came to thee from my books, pour on my ashes, pour some drops, that my bones may rejoice refreshed with wine, that I who delighted in the loud-voiced revels of Dionysus, I who dwelt amid such music as loveth wine, even in death may not suffer without Bacchus my sojourn in this land to which all the sons of men must come.

27.—By THE SAME On the Same

Anacreon, glory of Ionia, mayest thou among the dead be not without thy beloved revels, or without thy lyre, and still mayest thou sing with swimming eyes, shaking the entwined flowers that rest on thy essenced hair, turned towards Eurypyle, or Megisteus, or the locks of Thracian Smerdies, spouting sweet wine, thy robe drenched with the juice of the grape, wringing untempered nectar from its folds. For all thy life, O old man, was poured out as an offering to these three, the Muses, Bacchus, and Love.

28.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

*Ω ξένε, τόνδε τάφον τὸν 'Ανακρείοντος ἀμείβων, σπεῖσόν μοι παριών· εἰμὶ γὰρ οἰνοπότης.

29.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Εύδεις ἐν φθιμένοισιν, ᾿Ανάκρεον, ἐσθλὰ πονήσας, εὕδει δ᾽ ἡ γλυκερὴ νυκτιλάλος κιθάρη· εὕδει καὶ Σμέρδις, τὸ Πόθων ἔαρ, ῷ σὺ μελίσδων βάρβιτ᾽ ἀνεκρούου νέκταρ ἐναρμόνιον. ἡἴθέων γὰρ Ἔρωτος ἔφυς σκοπός· εἰς δὲ σὲ μοῦνον τόξα τε καὶ σκολιὰς εἶχεν ἑκηβολίας.

30.—TOY AYTOY

Τύμβος 'Ανακρείοντος' ὁ Τήϊος ἐνθάδε κύκνος εὕδει, χἢ παίδων ζωροτάτη μανίη. ἀκμὴν οἱ λυρόεν τι μελίζεται ἀμφὶ Βαθύλλφ ἵμερα, καὶ κισσοῦ λευκὸς ὅδωδε λίθος. οὐδ' 'Αζδης σοι ἔρωτας ἀπέσβεσεν, ἐν δ' 'Αχέροντος ἐκν ὅλος ἀδίνεις Κύπριδι θερμοτέρη.

31.-ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Σμερδίη $\ddot{\omega}$ έπὶ Θ ρηκὶ τακεὶς καὶ έπ' ἔσχατον ὀστεῦν, κώμου καὶ πάσης κοίρανε παννυχίδος,

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28.—Anonymous

On the Same

O STRANGER, who passest this tomb of Anacreon, pour a libation to me in going by, for I am a wine-bibber.

29.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Same

Thou sleepest among the dead, Anacreon, thy good day's labour done; thy sweet lyre that talked all through the night sleepeth too. And Smerdies sleeps, the spring-tide of the Loves, to whom, striking the lyre, thou madest music like unto nectar. For thou wast the target of Love, the Love of lads, and to shoot thee alone he had a bow and subtle archer craft.

30.—By THE SAME

On the Same

This is Anacreon's tomb; here sleeps the Teian swan and the untempered madness of his passion for lads. Still singeth he some song of longing to the lyre about Bathyllus, and the white marble is perfumed with ivy. Not even death has quenched thy loves, and in the house of Acheron thou sufferest all through thee the pangs of the fever of Cypris.

31.—DIOSCORIDES

On the Same

O Anacreon, delight of the Muses, lord of all revels of the night, thou who wast melted to the

τερπνότατε Μούσησιν 'Ανάκρεον, & 'πὶ Βαθύλλφ χλωρὸν ὑπὲρ κυλίκων πολλάκι δάκρυ χέας, αὐτόματαί τοι κρῆναι ἀναβλύζοιεν ἀκρήτου, κἢκ μακάρων προχοαὶ νέκταρος ἀμβροσίου αὐτόματοι δὲ φέροιεν ἴον, τὸ φιλέσπερον ἄνθος, κῆποι, καὶ μαλακῆ μύρτα τρέφοιτο δρόσφ ὅφρα καὶ ἐν Δηοῦς οἰνωμένος άβρὰ χορεύσης, βεβληκὼς χρυσέην χεῖγας ἐπ' Εὐρυπύλην.

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32.--ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΟΥ

Πολλάκι μὲν τόδ' ἄεισα, καὶ ἐκ τύμβου δὲ βοήσω· "Πίνετε, πρὶν ταύτην ἀμφιβάλησθε κόνιν."

33.—TOY AYTOY

α. Πολλὰ πιὼν τέθνηκας, 'Ανάκρεον. β. 'Αλλὰ τρυφήσας.
 καὶ σὰ δὲ μὴ πίνων Ἐξεαι εἰς 'Αίδην.

34.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Πιερικὰν σάλπιγγα, τὸν εὐαγέων βαρὺν ὕμνων χαλκευτάν, κατέχει Πίνδαρον ἄδε κόνις, οὖ μέλος εἰσαΐων φθέγξαιό κεν, ὥς ἀπὸ Μουσῶν ἐν Κάδμου θαλάμοις σμῆνος ἀπεπλάσατο.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 32-34

marrow of thy bones for Thracian Smerdies, O thou who often bending o'er the cup didst shed warm tears for Bathyllus, may founts of wine bubble up for thee unbidden, and streams of ambrosial nectar from the gods; unbidden may the gardens bring thee violets, the flowers that love the evening, and myrtles grow for thee nourished by tender dew, so that even in the house of Demeter thou mayest dance delicately in thy cups, holding golden Eurypyle in thy arms.

32.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

On the Same

OFTEN I sung this, and I will cry it from the tomb, "Drink ere ye put on this garment of the dust."

33.—BY THE SAME

On the Same

A. "You died of drinking too much, Anacreon."
B. "Yes, but I enjoyed it, and you who do not drink
will come to Hades too."

34.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On Pindar

This earth holds Pindar, the Pierian trumpet, the heavily smiting smith of well-outlined hymns, whose melody when thou hearest thou wouldst exclaim that a swarm of bees from the Muses fashioned it in the bridal chamber of Cadmus.

35.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

"Αρμενος ἢν ξείνοισιν ἀνὴρ ὅδε καὶ φίλος ἀστοῖς, Πίνδαρος, εὐφώνων Πιερίδω: πρόπολος:

36.—EPTKIOT

Αλεί τοι λιπαρῷ ἐπὶ σήματι, δῖε Σοφόκλεις, σκηνίτης μαλακοὺς κισσὸς ἄλοιτο πόδας, αἰεί τοι βούπαισι περιστάζοιτο μελίσσαις τύμβος, Ύμηττείῳ λειβόμενος μέλιτι, ὡς ἄν τοι ῥείη μὲν ἀεὶ γάνος ᾿Ατθίδι δέλτῳ κηρός, ὑπὸ στεφάνοις δ᾽ αἰὲν ἔχης πλοκάμους.

37.-ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

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α. Τύμβος ὅδ' ἐστ', ὤνθρωπε, Σοφοκλέος, ὃν παρὰ Μουσέων
 ἱρὴν παρθεσίην, ἱσρὸς ὤν, ἔλαχον
 ὅς με τὸν ἐκ Φλιοῦντος, ἔτι τρίβολον πατέοντα, πρίνινον, ἐς χρύσεον σχῆμα μεθηρμόσατο, καὶ λεπτὴν ἐνέδυσεν ἀλουργίδα· τοῦ δὲ θανόντος 5 εὔθετον ὀρχηστὴν τῆδ' ἀνέπαυσα πόδα.

¹ A machine for threshing, like a harrow.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 35-37

35.—LEONIDAS

On the Same

Congenial to strangers and dear to his countrymen was this man, Pindar, the servant of the sweet-voiced Muses.

36.—ERYCIAS

On Sophocles

EVER, O divine Sophocles, may the ivy that adorns the stage dance with soft feet over thy polished monument. Ever may the tomb be encompassed by bees that bedew it, the children of the ox, and drip with honey of Hymettus, that there be ever store of wax flowing for thee to spread on thy Attic writing tablets, and that thy locks may never want a wreath.

37.—DIOSCORIDES

On the Same

(A statue of a Satyr is supposed to speak)

A. "This is the tomb of Sophocles which I, his holy servant, received from the Muses as a holy trust to guard. It was he who, taking me from Phlius where I was carved of holly-oak and still trod the tribulum, wrought me into a creature of gold and clothed me in fine purple. On his death I ceased from the dance and rested my light foot here."

² i.e. from the rude Satyric drama he evolved Attic tragedy—a very exaggerated statement.

- β. 'Όλβιος, ως άγνην έλαχες στάσιν' ή δ' ένὶ χερσὶν κούριμος, ἐκ ποίης ήδε διδασκαλίης;
- α. Εἴτε σοι 'Αντιγόνην εἰπεῖν φίλον, οὐκ ἃν ἁμάρτοις, εἴτε καὶ 'Ηλέκτραν' ἀμφότεραι γὰρ ἄκρον. 10

38.-ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Θείος 'Αριστοφάνευς ὑπ' ἐμοὶ νέκυς εἰ τίνα πεύθη, κωμικός, ἀρχαίης μνᾶμα χοροστασίης.

39.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

'Ο τραγικον φώνημα καὶ όφρυόεσσαν ἀοιδην πυργώσας στιβαρη πρώτος ἐν εὐεπίη, Αἰσχύλος Εὐφορίωνος, Ἐλευσινίης ἐκὰς αἴης κεῖται, κυδαίνων σήματι Τρινακρίην.

40.-ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Αἰσχύλον ἥδε λέγει ταφίη λίθος ἐνθάδε κεῖσθαι τὸν μέγαν, οἰκείης τῆλ' ἀπὸ Κεκροπίης, λευκὰ Γέλα Σικελοῖο παρ' ὕδατα· τίς φθόνος, αἰαῖ, Θησείδας ἀγαθῶν ἔγκοτος αἰὲν ἔχει;

41.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Α μάκαρ ἀμβροσίησι συνέστιε φίλτατε Μούσαις, χαιρε και είν 'Αίδεω δώμασι, Καλλίμαχε.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 38-41

B. "Blessed art thou, how excellent thy post! And the mask of a girl in thy hand with shaven hair as of a mourner, from what play is she?" A. "Say Antigone if thou wilt, or say Electra; in either case thou art not wrong, for both are supreme." 1

38.—DIODORUS

On Aristophanes

DIVINE Aristophanes lies dead beneath me. If thou askest which, it is the comic poet who keeps the memory of the old stage alive.

39.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

On Aeschylus

Here, far from the Attic land, making Sicily glorious by his tomb, lies Aeschylus, son of Euphorion, who first built high with massive eloquence the diction of tragedy and its beetling song.

40.—DIODORUS

On the Same

This tombstone says that Aeschylus the great lies here, far from his own Attica, by the white waters of Sicilian Gelas. What spiteful grudge against the good is this, alas, that ever besets the sons of Theseus?

41.—Anonymous

On Callimachus

Hall blessed one, even in the house of Hades, Callimachus, dearest companion of the divine Muses.

¹ The Satyr would have carried the mask of Sophocles' best creation.

42.—ΑΛΛΟ

' Α μέγα Βαττιάδαο σοφοῦ περίπυστον ὅνειαρ, ἢ ρ' ἐτεὸν κεράων, οὐδ' ἐλέφαντος ἔης. τοῖα γὰρ ἄμμιν ἔφηνας, ἄτ' οὐ πάρος ἀνέρες ἴδμεν, ἀμφί τε ἀθανάτους, ἀμφί τε ἡμιθέους, εὖτέ μιν ἐκ Λιβύης ἀναείρας εἰς Ἑλικῶνα ἤγαγες ἐν μέσσαις Πιερίδεσσι φέρων αὶ δέ οἱ εἰρομένῳ ἀμφ' ὡγυγίων ἡρώων Αἴτια καὶ μακάρων εἶρον ἀμειβόμεναι.

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$43.-I\Omega NO\Sigma$

Χαῖρε μελαμπετάλοις, Εὐριπίδη, ἐν γυάλοισι Πιερίας τὸν ἀεὶ νυκτὸς ἔχων θάλαμον· ἴσθι δ' ὑπὸ χθονὸς ὤν, ὅτι σοι κλέος ἄφθιτον ἔσται ἶσον 'Ομηρείαις ἀενάοις χάρισιν.

J. A. Symonds, the younger, Studies of the Greek Poets, ii. 302.

44.— $I\Omega NO\Sigma$

Εἰ καὶ δακρυόεις, Εὐριπίδη, εἶλέ σε πότμος, καί σε λυκορραῖσται δεῖπνον ἔθεντο κύνες, τὸν σκηνἢ μελίγηρυν ἀηδόνα, κόσμον ᾿Αθηνῶν, τὸν σοφίη Μουσέων μιξάμενον χάριτα, ἀλλ᾽ ἔμολες Πελλαῖον ὑπ᾽ ἢρίον, ὡς ἂν ὁ λάτρις Πιερίδων ναίης ἀγχύθι Πιερίδων.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 42-44

42.—Anonymous

On the Aetia (Origins) of the Same

AH! great and renowned dream of the skilled son of Battus, verily thou wast of horn, not of ivory; for thou didst reveal things to us touching the gods and demigods which never man knew before, then when catching him up thou didst bear him from Libya to Helicon, and didst set him down in the midst of the Muses. And there as he wove the Origins of primeval heroes they in turn wove for him the Origins also of the gods.

43.--ION

On Euripides

Hall, Euripides, dwelling in the chamber of eternal night in the dark-robed valleys of Pieria! Know, though thou art under earth, that thy renown shall be everlasting, equal to the perennial charm of Homer.

44.—By THE SAME

On the Same

Though a tearful fate befel thee, O Euripides, devoured by wolf-hounds, thou, the honey-voiced nightingale of the stage, the ornament of Athens, who didst mingle the grace of the Muses with wisdom, yet thou wast laid in the tomb at Pella, that the servant of the Pierian Muses should dwell uear the home of his mistresses.

¹ Callimachus claimed that the Muses revealed the matter of the poem to him in a dream.

45.--ΘΟΥΚΥΔΙΔΟΥ

Μυῆμα μὲν Ἑλλὰς ἄπασ' Εὐριπίδου· ὀστέα δ' ἴσχει γῆ Μακεδών· ἡ γὰρ δέξατο τέρμα βίου. πατρὶς δ' Ἑλλάδος 'Ελλάς, 'Αθῆναι· πλεῖστα δε Μούσαις τέρψας, ἐκ πολλῶν καὶ τὸν ἔταινον ἔχει.

46.— $A\Delta H\Lambda ON$

Οὐ σὸν μνημα τόδ' ἔστ', Εὐριπίδη, ἀλλὰ σὺ τοῦδε· τῆ σῆ γὰρ δόξη μνημα τόδ' ἀμπέχεται.

47.—A A A O

'Απασ' 'Αχαιΐς μνημα σόν, Εὐριπίδη• οὔκουν ἄφωνος, ἀλλὰ καὶ λαλητέος.

48.—AAAO

Αιθαλέοιο πυρὸς σάρκες ριπῆσι τρυφηλαί ληφθεῖσαι, νοτίην ὧσαν ἄπ' αἰθόμεναι: μοῦνα δ' ἔνεστι τάφφ πολυδακρύφ ὀστέα κωφά, καὶ πόνος εἰνοδίοις τῆδε παρερχομένοις.

49.—ΒΙΑΝΟΡΟΣ

'Α Μακέτις σε κέκευθε τάφου κόνις· ἀλλὰ πυρωθεὶς Ζανὶ κεραυνείω, γαῖαν ἀπημφίασας. τρὶς γὰρ ἐπαστράψας, Εὐριπίδη, ἐκ Διὸς αἰθὴρ ἥγνισε τὰν θνατὰν σώματος †ἱστορίαν.¹

¹ Bury suggests ἀρμονίαν in v. 4, and I render so.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 45-49

45.—THUCYDIDES THE HISTORIAN

On the Same

ALL Hellas is the monument of Euripides, but the Macedonian land holds his bones, for it sheltered the end of his life. His country was Athens, the Hellas of Hellas, and as by his verse he gave exceeding delight, so from many he receiveth praise.

46.—Anonymous

On the Same

This is not thy monument, Euripides, but thou art the memorial of it, for by thy glory is this monument encompassed.

47.—Anonymous

On the Same

ALL Greece is thy tomb, O Euripides; so thou art not dumb, but even vocal.

48.—Anonymous

On the Same

Thy delicate flesh encompassed by the blast of glowing fire yielded up its moisture and burnt away. In the much-wept tomb is naught but dumb bones, and sorrow for the wayfarers who pass this way.

49.—BIANOR OF BITHYNIA

On the Same

The Macedonian dust of the tomb covers thee, Euripides, but ere thou didst put on this cloak of earth thou wast scorched by the bolts of Zeus. For thrice the heaven lightened at his word and purified thy mortal frame.

50.—ΑΡΧΙΜΗΔΟΥΣ

Τὴν Εὖριπίδεω μήτ' ἔρχεο, μήτ' ἐπιβάλλου, δύσβατον ἀνθρώποις οἶμον, ἀοιδοθέτα. λείη μὲν γὰρ ίδεῖν καὶ ἐπίρροθος: ¹ ἢν δέ τις αὐτὴν εἰσβαίνη, χαλεποῦ τρηχυτέρη σκόλοπος: ἢν δὲ τὰ Μηδείης Αἰητίδος ἄκρα χαράξης, ἀμνήμων κείση νέρθεν. ἔα στεφάνους.

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51.—ΑΔΑΙΟΥ

Οὔ σε κυνῶν γένος εἶλ', Εὐριπίδη, οὐδὲ γυναικὸς οἶστρος, τὸν σκοτίης Κύπριδος ἀλλότριον, ἀλλ' 'Αίδης καὶ γῆρας· ὑπαὶ Μακέτη δ' 'Αρεθούση κεῖσαι, ἑταιρείη τίμιος 'Αρχέλεω. σὸν δ' οὐ τοῦτον ἐγὼ τίθεμαι τάφον, ἀλλὰ τὰ Βάκχου βήματα καὶ σκηνὰς ἐμβάδ' ² ἐρειδομένας.

52.—ΔΗΜΙΟΥΡΓΟΥ

Έλλάδος εὐρυχόρου στέφανον καὶ κόσμον ἀοιδῆς, ᾿Ασκραῖον γενεὴν Ἡσίοδον κατέχω.

53.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ησίοδος Μούσαις 'Ελικωνίσι τόνδ' ἀνέθηκα, ὕμνω νικήσας ἐν Χαλκίδι θεῖον "Ομηρον.

1 I suggest ἐπίκροτος and render so.

2 v. 4 ξμβαλε MS.: I correct (ξμβάδι πειθομ. Hermann).

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 50-53

50.—ARCHIMEDES

On the Same

TREAD not, O poet, the path of Euripides, neither essay it, for it is hard for man to walk therein. Smooth it is to look on, and well beaten, but if one sets his foot on it it is rougher than if set with cruel stakes. Scratch but the surface of *Medea*, 'Aeetes' daughter, and thou shalt lie below forgotten. Hands off his crowns.

51.—ADAEUS

On the Same

NEITHER dogs slew thee, Euripides, nor the rage of women, thou enemy of the secrets of Cypris, but Death and old age, and under Macedonian Archusa thou liest, honoured by the friendship of Archelaus. Yet it is not this that I account thy tomb, but the altar of Bacchus and the buskin-trodden stage.

52.—DEMIURGUS

On Hesiod

I HOLD Hesiod of Ascra the glory of spacious Hellas and the ornament of Poesy.

53.—Anonymous

On an ex-voto dedicated by Hesiod

Histor dedicated this to the Heliconian Muses, having conquered divine Homer in the hymn contest at Chalcis.

1 By retouching.

54.—ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

'Ασκρη μεν πατρίς πολυλήϊος, άλλα θανόντος όστεα πληξίππων γη Μινυων κατέχει 'Ησιόδου, τοῦ πλείστον ἐν ἀνθρώποις κλέος ἐστὶν ἀνδρων κρινομένων ἐν βασάνω σοφίης.

55.—AAKAIOT

Λοκρίδος εν νέμει σκιερφ νέκυν Ἡσιόδοιο Νύμφαι κρηνίδων λοῦσαν ἀπὸ σφετέρων, καὶ τάφον ὑψώσαντο· γάλακτι δὲ ποιμένες αἰγῶν ἔρραναν, ξανθῷ μιξάμενοι μέλιτι· τοίην γὰρ καὶ γῆρυν ἀπέπνεεν ἐννέα Μουσέων ὁ πρέσβυς καθαρῶν γευσάμενος λιβάδων.

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56.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ην ἄρα Δημοκρίτοιο γέλως τόδε, καὶ τάχα λέξει· "Οὐκ ἔλεγον γελόων, Πάντα πέλουσι γέλως; καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ σοφίην μετ' ἀπείρονα, καὶ στίχα βίβλων τοσσατίων, κεῖμαι εέρθε τάφοιο γέλως."

57.—ΑΛΛΟ

Καὶ τίς ἔφυ σοφὸς ὧδε; τίς ἔργον ἔρεξε τοσοῦτον, ὅσσον ὁ παντοδαὴς ἤνυσε Δημόκριτος;

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 54-57

54.—MNASALCAS

On the Same

Ascna, the land of broad corn-fields, was my country, but the land of the charioteer Minyae 1 holds my bones now I am dead. I am Hesiod, the most glorious in the eyes of the world of men who are judged by the test of wisdom.

55.—ALCAEUS (OF MYTILENE OR MESSENE)

On the Same

In a shady grove of Locris the Nymphs washed the body of Hesiod with water from their springs and raised a tomb to him. And on it the goat-herds poured libations of milk mixed with golden honey. For even such was the song the old man breathed who had tasted the pure fountains of the nine Muses.

56.—Anonymous

On Democritus of Abdera

So this was the cause of Democritus' laughter, and perchance he will say, "Did I not say, laughing, that all is laughter? For even I, after my limitless wisdom and the long series of my works, lie beneath the tomb a laughing-stock."

57.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS²

On the Same

Who was ever so wise, who wrought such a deed as omniscient Democritus, who had Death for three

¹ Orchomenus.

² For these epigrams of Diogenes see note to No. 83.

δης Θάνατον παρεόντα τρί ἤματα δώμασιν ἔσχεν, καὶ θερμοῖς ἄρτων ἄσθμασιν ἐξένισεν.

58.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΟΥ

Εἰ καὶ ἀμειδήτων νεκύων ὑπὸ γαῖαν ἀνάσσεις, Φερσεφόνη, ψυχὴν δέχνυσο Δημοκρίτου εὐμενέως γελόωσαν, ἐπεὶ καὶ σεῖο τεκοῦσαν ἀχνυμένην ἐπὶ σοὶ μοῦνος ἔκαμψε γέλως.

59.—TOY AYTOY

Πλούτων δέξο μάκαρ Δημόκριτον, ως κεν ἀνάσσων αἰὲν ἀμειδήτων καὶ γελόωντα λάχοις.

$60.-\Sigma IMIO\Upsilon$

Σωφροσύνη προφέρων θνητῶν ἤθει τε δικαίω ἐνθάδε κεῖται ἀνὴρ θεῖος ᾿Αριστοκλέης· εἰ δέ τις ἐκ πάντων σοφίης μέγαν ἔσχεν ἔπαινον, οὖτος ἔχει πλεῖστον, καὶ φθόνον οὐ φέρεται.

61.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Γαΐα μὲν ἐν κόλποις κρύπτει τόδε σῶμα Πλάτωνος, ψυχὴ δ' ἀθάνατον τάξιν ἔχει μακάρων

Democritus, on the point of death but wishing for his sister's sake to live out the three days of the feast of Demeter, which it was her duty to attend, ordered her to

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 58-61

days in his house and entertained him with the hot steam of bread? 1

58.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

On the Same

Though, Persephone, thou rulest over the unsmiling dead beneath the earth, receive the shade of Democritus with his kindly laugh; for only laughter turned away from sorrow thy mother when she was sore-hearted for thy loss.

59.—By THE SAME

On the Same

RECEIVE Democritus, O blessed Pluto, so that thou, the ruler of the laughterless people, mayest have one subject who laughs.

60.—SIMIAS

On Plato

HERE lieth the divine Aristocles,² who excelled all mortals in temperance and the ways of justice. If any one gained from all men much praise for wisdom it was he, and no envy therewith.

61.—Anonymous

On the Same

THE earth in her bosom hides here the body of Plato, but his soul has its immortal station among the

supply him every day with hot loaves, and by putting the steaming bread to his nose kept himself alive until the feast was over.

² Plato's original name.

υίοῦ ᾿Αρίστωνος, τόν τις καὶ τηλόθι ναίων τιμᾳ ἀνὴρ ἀγαθός, θεῖον ἰδόντα βίον.

62.—A A A O

α. Αλετέ, τίπτε βέβηκας ύπὲρ τάφον ; ἢ τίνος, εἰπέ, ἀστερόευτα θεῶν οἶκον ἀποσκοπέεις;

Β. Ψυχῆς εἰμὶ Πλάτωνος ἀποπταμένης ἐς "Ολυμπον εἰκών σῶμα δὲ γῆ γηγενὲς 'Ατθὶς ἔχει.

P. B. Shelley, "Eagle, why soarest thou?...", Works (Oxford ed.), p. 712.

63.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Τον κύνα Διογένη, νεκυοστόλε, δέξο με, πορθμεῦ, γυμνώσαντα βίου παντὸς ἐπισκύνιον.

64.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

- α. Εἰπέ, κύον, τίνος ἀνδρὸς ἐφεστὼς σῆμα φυλάσσεις;
 - β. Τοῦ Κυνός. α. 'Αλλὰ τίς ἢν οὖτος ἀνὴρ ὁ Κύων;
- β. Διογένης. α. Γένος εἰπέ. β. Σινωπεύς. α. [°]Oς πίθον ὤκει ;
 - β. Καὶ μάλα νῦν δὲ θανῶν ἀστέρας οἰκον ἔχει.
- J. A. Symonds, M.D., in his son's Studies of the Greek Poets, ii. p. 304.

65.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Διογένευς τόδε σήμα, σοφοῦ κυνός, ὅς ποτε θυμῷ ἄρσενι γυμνήτην ἐξεπόνει βίστον,

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 62-65

blest, the soul of Ariston's son, whom every good man, even if he dwell in a far land, honours in that he saw the divine life.

62.—Anonymous

On the Same

A. "EAGLE, why standest thou on the tomb, and on whose, tell me, and why gazest thou at the starry home of the gods?" B. "I am the image of the soul of Plato that hath flown away to Olympus, but his earth-born body rests here in Attic earth."

63.—Anonymous

On Diogenes

O FERRYMAN of the dead, receive the Dog Diogenes, who laid bare the whole pretentiousness i of life.

64.—Anonymous

On the Same

A. "Tell me, dog, who was the man on whose tomb thou standest keeping guard?" B. "The Dog." A. "But what man was that, the Dog?" B. "Diogenes." A. "Of what country?" B. "Of Sinope." A. "He who lived in a jar?" B. "Yes, and now he is dead, the stars are his home."

65.—ANTIPATER

On the Same

This is the tomb of Diogenes, the wise Dog who of old, with manly spirit, endured a life of self-denial.

¹ Literally "eye-brow" used like the Latin supercilium for "affectation."

φ μία τις πήρα, μία διπλοίς, εἶς ἄμ' ἐφοίτα
 σκίπων, αὐτάρκους ὅπλα σαοφροσύνας.
 ἀλλὰ τάφου τοῦδ' ἐκτὸς ἴτ', ἄφρονες, ὡς ὁ Σινωπεὺς ὅ ἐχθαίρει φαῦλον πάντα καὶ εἰν 'Αἴδη.

66.—ΟΝΕΣΤΟΥ

Βάκτρον καὶ πήρη καὶ διπλόον εἶμα σοφοῖο Διογένευς βιύτου φόρτος ὁ κουφότατος. πάντα φέρω πορθμῆϊ· λέλοιπα γὰρ οὐδὲν ὑπὲρ γῆς· ἀλλὰ κύον σαίνοις Κέρβερε τόν με κύνα.

67.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Αίδεω λυπηρὲ διηκόνε, τοῦτ' 'Αχέροντος ὕδωρ δς πλώεις πορθμίδι κυανέη, δέξαι μ', εἰ καί σοι μέγα βρίθεται ὀκρυόεσσα βᾶρις ἀποφθιμένων, τὸν κύνα Διογένην. ὅλπη μοι καὶ πήρη ἐφόλκια, καὶ τὸ παλαιὸν ἔσθος, χὰ φθιμένους ναυστολέων ὀβολός. πάνθ' ὅσα κὴν ζωοῖς ἐπεπάμεθα, ταῦτα παρ'" Λδαν ἔρχομ' ἔχων· λείπω ξ' οὐδὲν ὑπ' ἠελίῳ.

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68.—APXIOY

'Αϊδος ὧ νεκυηγέ, κεχαρμένε δάκρυσι πάντων, δς βαθὺ πορθμεύεις τοῦτ' 'Αχέροντος ὕδωρ, εἰ καὶ σοι βέβριθεν ὑπ' εἰδώλοισι καμόντων όλκάς, μὴ προλίπης Διογένη με κύνα.

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One wallet he carried with him, one cloak, one staff, the weapons of self-sufficient sobriety. But turn aside from this tomb, all ye fools; for he of Sinope, even in Hades, hates every mean man.

66.—HONESTUS

On the Same

The staff, and wallet, and thick cloak, were the very light burden of wise Diogenes in life. I bring all to the ferryman, for I left nothing on earth. But you, Cerberus dog, fawn on me, the Dog.

67.—LEONIDAS

On the Same

MOURNFUL minister of Hades, who dost traverse in thy dark boat this water of Acheron, receive me, Diogenes the Dog, even though thy gruesome bark is overloaded with spirits of the dead. My luggage is but a flask, and a wallet, and my old cloak, and the obol that pays the passage of the departed. All that was mine in life I bring with me to Hades, and have left nothing beneath the sun.

68.—ARCHIAS

On the Same

O BOATMAN of Hades, conveyor of the dead, delighting in the tears of all, who dost ply the ferry o'er this deep water of Acheron, though thy boat be heavy beneath its load of shades, leave me not behind, Diogenes the Dog. I have with me but a flask, and

όλπην καὶ σκίπωνα φέρω, καὶ διπλόον εἶμα, καὶ πήρην, καὶ σοὶ ναυτιλίης ὀβολόν. καὶ ζωὸς τάδε μοῦνον, ἃ καὶ νέκυς ὧδε κομίζω, εἶχον' ὑπ' ἠελίου δ' οὕ τι λέλοιπα φάει.

69.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΟΥ

Κέρβερε δειμαλέην ύλακην νεκύεσσιν ιάλλων, ήδη φρικαλέον δείδιθι καὶ σὰ νέκυν 'Λρχίλοχος τέθνηκε· φυλάσσεο θυμὸν ιάμβων δριμύν, πικροχόλου τικτόμενον στόματος. οἰσθα βοῆς κείνοιο μέγα σθένος, εὖτε Λυκάμβεω νηῦς μία σοὶ δισσὰς ήγαγε θυγατέρας.

70.—TOY AYTOY

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Νῦν πλέον ἡ τὸ πάροιθε πύλας κρατεροῖο βερέθρου ὅμμασιν ἀγρύπνοις τρισσὲ φύλασσε κύον. εἰ γὰρ φέγγος ἔλειπον ἀλυσκάζουσαι ἰάμβων ἄγριον 'Αρχιλόχου φλέγμα Λυκαμβιάδες, πῶς οὐκ ᾶν προλίποι σκοτίων πυλεῶνας ἐναύλων νεκρὸς ἄπας, φεύγων τάρβος ἐπεσβολίης;

71.—ΓΑΙΤΟΥΛΙΚΟΥ

Σῆμα τόδ' 'Αρχιλόχου παραπόντιον, ὅς ποτε πικρὴν Μοῦσαν ἐχιδναίφ πρῶτος ἔβαψε χόλφ,

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 69-71

a staff, and a cloak, and a wallet, and the obol thy fare. These things that I carry with me now I am dead are all I had when alive, and I left nothing in the daylight.

69.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

On Archilochus

CERBERUS, whose bark strikes terror into the dead, there comes a terrible shade before whom even thou must tremble. Archilochus is dead. Beware the acrid iambic wrath engendered by his bitter mouth. Thou knowest the might of his words ever since one boat brought thee the two daughters of Lycambes.¹

70.—By THE SAME

On the Same

Now, three-headed dog, better than ever with thy sleepless eyes guard the gate of thy fortress, the pit. For if the daughters of Lycambes to avoid the savage bile of Archilochus' iambics left the light, will not every soul leave the portals of this dusky dwelling, flying from the terror of his slanderous tongue?

71.—GAETULICUS

On the Same

This tomb by the sea is that of Archilochus, who first made the Muse bitter dipping her in vipers'

¹ They hanged themselves owing to Archilochus' bitter verses on them.

αίμάξας Έλικῶνα τὸν ἥμερον. οἶδε Λυκάμβης, μυρόμενος τρισσῶν ἄμματα θυγατέρων. ἠρέμα δὴ παράμειψον, όδοιπόρε, μή ποτε τοῦδε κινήσης τύμβφ σφῆκας ἐψεζομένους.

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72.—ΜΕΝΑΝΔΡΟΥ ΚΩΜΙΚΟΥ

Χαῖρε, Νεοκλείδα, δίδυμον γένος, ὧν ὁ μὲν ὑμῶν πατρίδα δουλοσύνας ρύσαθ', ὁ δ' ἀφροσύνας.

73.— Γ EMINO Υ

`Αντὶ τάφου λιτοῖο θὲς Ἑλλάδα, θὲς δ' ἐπὶ ταύταν δούρατα, βαρβαρικᾶς σύμβολα ναυφθορίας, καὶ τύμβω κρηπίδα περίγραφε Περσικὸν "Αρη καὶ Ξέρξην τούτοις θάπτε Θεμιστοκλέα. στάλα δ' ἀ Σαλαμὶς ἐπικείσεται, ἔργα λέγουσα τάμά τί με σμικροῖς τὸν μέγαν ἐντίθετε;

A. J. Butler, Amaranth and Asphodel, p. 58.

74.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Τοῦτο Θεμιστοκλεῖ ξένον ἠρίον εἴσατο Μάγιης λαός, ὅτ' ἐκ Μ. δων πατρίδα ῥυσάμενος ὀθνείην ὑπέδυ χθόνα καὶ λίθον. ἢ θέλεν οὕτως ὁ φθόνος· αἱ δ' ἀρεταὶ μεῖον ἔχουσι γέρας.

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gall, staining mild Helicon with blood. Lycambes knows it, mourning for his three daughters hanged. Pass quietly by, O way-farer, lest haply thou arouse the wasps that are settled on his tomb.

72.—MENANDER

On Epicurus and Themistocles

Hall, ye twin-born sons of Neocles, of whom the one saved his country from slavery the other from folly.

73.—GEMINUS

On Themistocles

In place of a simple tomb put Hellas, and on her put ships significant of the destroyed barbaric fleets, and round the frieze of the tomb paint the Persian host and Xerxes—thus bury Themistocles. And Salamis shall stand thereon, a pillar telling of my deeds. Why lay you so great a man in a little space?

74.—DIODORUS

On the Same

The people of Magnesia raised to Themistocles this monument in a land not his own, when after saving his country from the Medes, he was laid in foreign earth under a foreign stone. Verily Envy so willed, and deeds of valour have less privilege than she.

75.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Στασίχορον, ζαπληθές ἀμέτρητον στόμα Μούσης, ἐκτέρισεν Κατάνας αἰθαλόεν δάπεδον, οὐ, κατὰ Πυθαγόρου φυσικὰν φάτιν, ἀ πρὶν 'Ομήρου ψυχὰ ἐνὶ στέρνοις δεύτερον ῷκίσατο.

76.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Έμπορίης λήξαντα Φιλόκριτου, ἄρτι δ' ἀρότρου γευόμενου, ξείνω Μέμφις ἔκρυψε τάφω, ἔνθα δραμων Νείλοιο πολὺς ῥόος ὕδατι λάβρω τἀνδρὸς τὴν ὀλίγην βωλον ἀπημφίασε. καὶ ζωὸς μὲν ἔφευγε πικρὴν ἄλα· νῦν δὲ καλυφθεὶς κύμασι ναυηγὸν σχέτλιος ἔσχε τάφον.

77.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Οὖτος ὁ τοῦ Κείοιο Σιμωνίδεω ἐστὶ σαωτήρ, δς καὶ τεθνηὼς ζῶντ' ἀπέδωκε χάριν.

78.—ΔΙΟΝΥΣΙΟΥ ΚΥΖΙΚΗΝΟΥ

Πρηύτερον γήράς σε, καὶ οὐ κατὰ νοῦσος ἀμαυρὴ ἔσβεσεν· εὐνήθης δ' ὕπνον ὀφειλόμενον, ἄκρα μεριμνήσας, Ἐρατόσθενες· οὐδὲ Κυρήνη μαῖά σε πατρώων ἐντὸς ἔδεκτο τάφων,

² This lemma is wrong. The couplet is said to have been

¹ This epigram is out of place here, as Philocritus is a person unknown to history.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 75-78

75.—ANTIPATER (OF SIDON?)

On Stesichorus

STESICHORUS, the vast immeasurable voice of the Muse, was buried in Catana's fiery land, he in whose breast, as telleth the philosopher Pythagoras, Homer's soul lodged again.

76.—DIOSCORIDES 1

Philocritus, his trading over and yet a novice at the plough, lay buried at Memphis in a foreign land. And there the Nile running in high flood stripped him of the scanty earth that covered him. So in his life he escaped from the salt sea, but now covered by the waves hath, poor wretch, a shipwrecked mariner's tomb.

77.—SIMONIDES

On Simonides (?) 2

THE saviour of the Ceian Simonides is this man, who even in death requited him who lived.

78.—DIONYSIUS OF CYZICUS

On Eratosthenes

A MILD old age, no darkening disease, put out thy light, Eratosthenes son of Aglaus, and, thy high studies over, thou sleepest the appointed sleep. Cyrene thy mother did not receive thee into the

written by Simonides on the tomb of a man whose corpse he found on the shore and buried, and whose ghost appeared and forbade him to sail in a ship which was wrecked on her voyage.

'Αγλαοῦ υίέ· φίλος δὲ καὶ ἐν ξείνη κεκάλυψαι πὰρ τόδε Πρωτῆος κράσπεδον αἰγιαλοῦ.

79.--ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

α. "Ωνθρωπ', 'Ηράκλειτος ἐγὼ σοφὰ μοῦνος ἀνευρεῖν φαμί· τὰ δ' ἐς πάτραν κρέσσοι καὶ σοφίης· λὰξ γὰρ καὶ τοκέωνας, ἰὼ ξένε, δύσφρονας ἄνδρας ὑλάκτευν. β. Λαμπρὰ θρεψαμένοισι χάρις.
α. Οὐκ ἀπ' ἐμεῦ; β. Μὴ τρηχύς. α. 'Επεὶ τάχα

καὶ σύ τι πεύση τρηχύτερον πάτρας. β. Χαῖρε. α. Σὺ δ' ἐξ 'Εφέσου.

80.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Είπέ τις, 'Ηράκλειτε, τεὸν μόρον, ἐς δέ με δάκρυ ήγαγεν, ἐμνήσθην δ' ὁσσάκις ἀμφότεροι ήλιον ἐν λέσχη κατεδύσαμεν· ἀλλὰ σὰ μέν που, ξεῖν' 'Αλικαρνησεῦ, τετράπαλαι σποδιή· αἱ δὲ τεαὶ ζώουσιν ἀηδόνες, ἡσιν ὁ πάντων ἀρπακτὴς 'Αίδης οὐκ ἐπὶ χεῖρα βαλεῖ.

W. Johnson Cory Ionica, ed. 1905, p. 7.

81.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Έπτὰ σοφῶν, Κλεόβουλε, σὲ μὲν τεκνώσατο Λίνδος· φατὶ δὲ Σισυφία χθὼν Περίανδρον ἔχειν·

i i.e. at Alexandria.

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tombs of thy fathers, but thou art buried on this fringe of Proteus' shore, beloved even in a strange land.

79.—MELEAGER

On Heraclitus of Ephesus

A. "Sir, I am Heraclitus, and assert that I alone discovered wisdom, and my services to my country were better than wisdom. Ay Sir; for I assailed even my own parents, evil-minded folks, with contumely." B. "A fine return for thy bringing up!" A. "Be off!" B. "Don't be rough." A. "Because you may soon hear something rougher than my people heard from me." B. "Farewell." A. "And you get out of Ephesus." 2

80.—CALLIMACHUS

On Heraclitus of Halicarnassus, the Elegiac Poet

ONE told me of thy death, Heraclitus, and it moved me to tears, when I remembered how often the sun set on our talking. And thou, my Halicarnassian friend, liest somewhere, gone long long ago to dust; but they live, thy Nightingales, on which Hades who seizeth all shall not lay his hand.

81.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Seven Sages

Or the seven sages Lindus bore thee, O Cleobulus, and the land of Sisyphus 4 says that Periander is

² The epigram is obscure and the arrangement of the dialogue doubtful. I follow Headlam (*Class. Rev.* xv. p. 401).

³ The title of a book of poems.

⁴ Corinth.

Πιττακον ά Μιτυλάνα· Βίαντα δὲ δῖα Πριήνη· Μίλητος δὲ Θαλήν, ἄκρον ἔρεισμα Δίκας· ά Σπάρτα Χίλωνα· Σόλωνα δὲ Κεκροπὶς αἶα, πάντας ἀριζάλου σωφροσύνας φύλακας.

82.—AAHAON

Δωρίδος ἐκ Μούσης κεκορυθμένον ἀνέρα Βάκχφ καὶ Σατύροις Σικελὸν τῆδ' Ἐπίχαρμον ἔχω.

83.—A A A O

Τόνδε Θαλην Μίλητος Ἰὰς θρέψασ' ἀνέδειξεν, ἀστρολόγων πάντων πρεσβύτατον σοφίη.

84.—ΑΛΛΟ

'Η ολίγον τόδε σᾶμα, τὸ δὲ κλέος οὐρανόμηκες τοῦ πολυφροντίστου τοῦτο Θάλητος ὅρη.

85. $<\Delta IO\Gamma ENO\Upsilon\Sigma$ $\Lambda A EPTIO\Upsilon>$

Γυμνικον αὖ ποτ' ἀγῶνα θεώμενον, ἠέλιε Ζεῦ,
τὸν σοφὸν ἄνδρα Θαλῆν ἥρπασας ἐκ σταδίου.
αἰνέω ὅττι μιν ἐγγὺς ἀπήγαγες ἡ γὰρ ὁ πρέσβυς
οὐκέθ' ὁρῷν ἀπὸ γῆς ἀστέρας ἠδύνατο.

¹ Nos. 83-133 are all derived from Diogenes Laertius' Lives of the Philosophers. Those of his own composition are not only very poor work (perhaps the worst verses ever published), but are often unintelligible apart from the silly

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hers. Mytilene bore Pittacus and fair Priene Bias, and Miletus Thales, best support of Justice, Sparta Chilon, and Attica Solon—all guardians of admirable Prudence.

82.—Anonymous

On Epicharmus

I HOLD Sicilian Epicharmus, a man armed by the Doric Muse for the service of Bacchus and the Satyrs.

83,1—Anonymous

On Thales

Ionian Miletus nourished and revealed this Thales, first in wisdom of all astronomers.

84.—Anonymous

On the Same

SMALL is the tomb, but see how the fame of the deep thinker Thales reaches to the heavens.

85.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

ONCE, Zeus the Sun, didst thou carry off from the stadion, as he was viewing the games, Thales the sage. I praise thee for taking him away to be near thee, for in truth the old man could no longer see the stars from earth.²

anecdotes to which they refer. These I give in such cases in the briefest possible form.

² Thales died from the effect of heat and thirst while watching the games.

86.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Η Μήδων ἄδικον παύσασ' ὕβριν ἥδε Σόλωνα τόνδε τεκνοῖ Σαλαμὶς θεσμοθέτην ἱερόν.

87. <ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

Σῶμὰ μὲν ἦρε Σόλωνος ἐν ἀλλοδαπῆ Κύπριον πῦρ, οστὰ δ' ἔχει Σαλαμίς, ὧν κόνις ἀστάχυες· ψυχὴν δ' ἄξονες εὐθὺς ἐς οὐρανὸν ἤγαγον· εὖ γὰρ θῆκε νόμοις ἀστοῖς ἄχθεα κουφότατα.

88. <TOY AYTOY>

Φωσφόρε σοὶ Πολύδευκες ἔχω χάριν, οὕνεκεν υίδς Χίλωνος πυγμῆ χλωρὸν ἕλεν κότινον

εὶ δ' ὁ πατὴρ στεφανοῦχον ἰδὼν <τέκνον> ἤμυσεν ήσθείς,

οὐ νεμεσητόν έμοὶ τοῖος ἴτω θάνατος.

89. <KA $\land \land$ IMAXO $\Upsilon >$

Εεῖνος 'Αταρνείτης τις ἀνείρετο Πιττακὸν οὕτω τὸν Μυτιληναῖον, παῖδα τὸν 'Υρράδιον· '''Αττα γέρον, δοιός με καλεῖ γάμος· ἡ μία μὲν δὴ νύμφη καὶ πλούτφ καὶ γενεῆ κατ' ἐμέ·

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86.—Anonymous

On Solon

This island of Salamis which once put an end to the unrighteous insolence of the Medes, gave birth to this Solon the holy law-giver.

87.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

In a strange land, a Cyprian fire consumed the body of Solon, but Salamis holds his bones, whose dust becomes corn. But his tables of the law carried his soul at once to heaven, for by his good laws he lightened the burdens of his countrymen.

88.—BY THE SAME

On Chilon

O Pollux, giver of light, I give thee thanks in that the son of Chilon gained by boxing the green olive-crown. And if his father seeing his son crowned, died of joy, why should we complain? May such a death be mine.

89.—CALLIMACHUS

On Pittacus (not Sepulchral)

A GUEST from Atarne thus questioned Pittacus of Mytilene, the son of Hyrrha. "Daddy greybeard! a two-fold marriage invites me. The one bride is suitable to me in fortune and family, but

¹ This explains itself. Castor and Pollux were the patrons of boxing and were also stars.

ή δ' έτέρη προβέβηκε. τί λώϊου; εἰ δ' ἄγε σύν μοι βούλευσον, ποτέρην εἰς ὑμέναιον ἄγω." εἶπεν ὁ δὲ σκίπωνα, γεροντικὸν ὅπλον, ἀείρας, "'Ηνιδ', ἐκεῖνοί σοι πᾶν ἐρέουσιν ἔπος." (οἱ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὸ πληγῆσι θοὰς βέμβικας ἔχοιτες ἔστρεφον εὐρείη παῖδες ἐνὶ τριόδω) 10 "κείνων ἔρχεο," φησί, "μετ' ἴχνια." χὰ μὲν ἐπέστη πλησίον οἱ δ' ἔλεγον "Τὴν κατὰ σαυτὸν ἔλα." ταῦτ' ἀἴων ὁ ξεῖνος ἐφείσατο μείζονος οἴκου δράξασθαι, παίδων κληδόνα συνθέμενος. τὴν δ' ὀλίγην ὡς κεῖνος ἐς οἶκον ἐπήγετο νύμφην, 15 οὕτω καὶ σύ γ' ἰὼν τὴν κατὰ σαυτὸν ἔλα.

90.---ΑΛΛΟ

Κλεινοίς εν δαπέδοισι Πριήνης φυντα καλύπτει ήδε Βίαντα πέτρη, κόσμον Ίωσι μέγαν.

91. $<\Delta$ IOΓENOΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

Τῆδε Βίαντα κέκευθα, τὸν ἀτρέμας ἤγαγεν Ἑρμῆς εἰς ᾿Αἴδην, πολιῷ γήραῖ νιφόμενον εἰπε δίκην ἐτάβου τινός· εἰτ' ἀποκλινθεὶς παιδὸς ἐς ἀγκαλίδας μακρὸν ἔτεινεν ὕπνον.

¹ The boys were saying, each to his own top, "Drive the way that suits you" ("Go the way you like"). The same phrase means "Drive her that suits you." "Drive" in Greek often has a coarse meaning.

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the other is my better. Which is best? Come, advise me which to take to wife." So spoke he and Pittacus raising his staff, the weapon of his old age, said "Look! they will tell you all you need know"—The boys at the broad cross-roads were whipping their swift tops—"Go after them," he said, and the man went and stood close to them, and they were saying, "Drive the way that suits you." The stranger, hearing this, refrained from catching at a match with a greater home, understanding the oracle of the boys' words. Therefore as he brought home the bride of low estate, so do thou, go and "drive her that suits you." 1

90.—Anonymous

On Bias

This stone covers Bias the great ornament of Ionia born on the famous soil of Priene.

91.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

HERE I cover Bias, whom Hermes led gently to Hades, his head white with the snows of age. He spoke for a friend in court and then sinking into the boy's arms he continued to sleep a long sleep.²

² Bias, after having made a speech in court on behalf of some one, was fatigued and rested his head on his nephew's breast. His client won the case, but at its close Bias was found to be dead.

92. <TOY AYTOY>

'Ες Σκυθίην 'Ανάχαρσις ὅτ' ἤλυθε πολλὰ μογήσας, πάντας ἔπειθε βιοῦν ἤθεσιν ἑλλαδικοῖς· τὸν δ' ἔτι μῦθον ἄκραντον ἐνὶ στομάτεσσιν ἔχοντα πτηνὸς ἐς ἀθανάτους ἥρπασεν ὧκα δόναξ.

93.—ΑΛΛΟ

Eis Φερεκύδην

Τῆς σοφίης πάσης ἐν ἐμοὶ τέλος· ἢν δέ τι πάσχω, Πυθαγόρη τῷ 'μῷ λέγε ταῦθ', ὅτι πρῶτος ἁπάντων ἐστὶν ἀν' Ἑλλάδα γῆν. οὐ ψεύδομαι ὧδ' ἀγορεύων.

94.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ενθάδε, πλείστον άληθείας ἐπὶ τέρμα περήσας οὐρανίου κόσμου, κεῖται 'Αναξαγόρας.

95.—ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ

'Η έλιον πυρόεντα μύδρον ποτε φάσκεν ὑπάρχειν, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο θανεῖν μέλλεν 'Αναξαγόρας ' ἀλλ' ὁ φίλος Περικλῆς μὲν ἐρύσατο τοῦτον · ὁ δ' αὐτὸν ἐξάγαγεν βιότου μαλθακίη σοφίης.

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92.—By THE SAME

On Anacharsis

When Anacharsis went to Scythia after many toils he was persuading them all to live in the Greek manner. His unfinished speech was still on his lips, when a winged reed carried him off swiftly to the immortals.

93.—Anonymous

On Pherecydes

The end of all wisdom is in me. If aught befall me, tell my Pythagoras that he is the first of all in the land of Hellas. In speaking thus I do not lie.

94.—Anonymous

On Anaxagoras

HERE lies Anaxagoras who advanced furthest towards the goal of truth concerning the heavenly universe.

95.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

Anaxagoras once said that the sun was a red-hot mass, and for this was about to be killed. His friend Pericles saved him, but he ended his own life owing to the sensitiveness of his wise mind.

 $^{^{1}}$ Anacharsis was shot by his brother for trying to introduce Greek religious rites.

96. <TOY AYTOY>

Πινέ νυν εν Διὸς ὤν, ὧ Σώκρατες ἡ σε γὰρ ὄντως καὶ σοφὸν εἶπε θεός, καὶ θεὸς ἡ σοφία. πρὸς γὰρ ᾿Αθηναίων κώνειον ἀπλῶς σὰ ἐοέξω, αὐτοὶ δ᾽ ἐξέπιον τοῦτο τεῷ στόματι.

97. <TOY AYTOY>

Οὐ μόνον ἐς Πέρσας ἀνέβη Ξενοφῶν διὰ Κῦρον, ἀλλ' ἄνοδον ζητῶν ἐς Διὸς ἥτις ἄγοι· παιδείης γὰρ ἑῆς Ἑλληνικὰ πράγματα δείξας, ὡς καλὸν ἡ σοφίη μνήσατο Σωκράτεος.

98. <TOY AYTOY>

Εἰ καὶ σέ, Ξενοφῶν, Κραναοῦ Κέκροπός τε πολῖται φεύγειν κατέγνων τοῦ φίλου χάριν Κύρου, ἀλλὰ Κόρινθος ἔδεκτο φιλόξενος, ἢ σὰ φιληδῶν οὕτως ἀρέσκη κεῖθι καὶ μένειν ἔγνως.

99.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥ

Δάκρυα μὲν Ἑκάβη τε καὶ Ἰλιάδεσσι γυναιξὶ Μοιραι ἐπέκλωσαν δή ποτε γεινομέναις σοι δέ, Δίων, ρέξαντι καλῶν ἐπινίκιον ἔργων δαίμονες εὐρείας ἐλπίδας ἐξέχεαν.

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96.—By THE SAME

On Socrates

DRINK now, O Socrates, in the house of Zeus. Of a truth a god called thee wise and Wisdom is a goddess. From the Athenians thou didst receive simply hemlock, but they themselves drank it by thy month.

97.—BY THE SAME

On Xenophon

Xenorhon not only went up country to the Persians for Cyrus' sake, but seeking a way up to the house of Zeus. For after showing that the affairs of Greece belonged to his education, he recorded how beautiful was the wisdom of Socrates.¹

98.—BY THE SAME

If the citizens of Cranaus and Cecrops 2 condemned you, Xenophon, to exile because of your friend Cyrus, yet hospitable Corinth received you, with which you were so pleased and content, and decided to remain there.

99.—PLATO

THE Fates decreed tears for Hecuba and the Trojan women even at the hour of their birth; and after thou, Dio, hadst triumphed in the accomplishment of noble deeds, the gods spilt all thy far-

² Both legendary kings of Athens.

¹ Little sense can be made of line 3. I think there is an attempt to allude to both the Cyropaedia and the Heilenica.

κείσαι δ' εὐρυχόρφ ἐν πατρίδι τίμιος ἀστοίς, ὧ ἐμὸν ἐκμήνας θυμὸν ἔρωτι Δίων. 5

100.--ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ

Νῦν ὅτε μηδέν, "Αλεξις, ὅσον μόνον εἶφ', ὅτι καλός, ὅπται, καὶ πάντη πᾶσι περιβλέπεται. θυμέ, τί μηνύεις κυσὶν ὀστέον, εἶτ' ἀνιήσει ὕστερον; οὐχ οὕτω Φαῖδρον ἀπωλέσαμεν;

101. <ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

'Αλλ' εἰ μὴ Σπεύσιππον ἐμάνθανον ὧδε θανεῖσθαι, οὐκ ἂν ἔπεισέ μέ τις τόδε λέξαι, ώς ἦν οὐχὶ Πλάτωνι πρὸς αἵματος· οὐ γὰρ ἀθυμῶν κάτθανεν ἂν διά τι σφόδρα μικρόν.

102. <TOY AYTOY>

Χαλκή προσκόψας λεκάνη ποτέ, καὶ τὸ μέτωπον πλήξας, ἴαχεν "Ω σύντονον, εἶτ' ἔθανεν, ὁ πάντα πάντη Ξενοκράτης ἀνὴρ γεγώς.

¹ Speusippus was Plato's nephew. Diogenes Lacrtius does not as a fact deny this. He committed suicide, according to

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reaching hopes. But thou liest in thy spacious city, honoured by thy countrymen, Dio, who didst madden my soul with love.

100.—BY THE SAME

On Alexis and Phaedrus (not an epitaph)

Now when I said nothing except just that Alexis is fair, he is looked at everywhere and by everyone when he appears. Why, my heart, dost thou point out bones to dogs and have to sorrow for it afterwards? Was it not thus that I lost Phaedrus?

101.—DIGGENES LAERTIUS

On Speusippus

If I had not heard that Speusippus would die so, no one would have persuaded me to say this, that he was not akin to Plato; for then he would not have died disheartened by reason of a matter exceeding small.

102.—By THE SAME

On Xenocrates

STUMBLING once over a brazen cauldron and hitting his forehead Xenocrates, who in all matters and everywhere had shown himself to be a man, called out Oh! sharply and died.

the story referred to, owing to being insulted by the cynic Diogenes.

103. <**ΑΝΤΑΓΟΡΟ**Υ>

< Μνήματι τῷδε Κράτητα θεουδέα καὶ Πολέμωνα ἔννεπε κρύπτεσθαι, ξείνε, παρερχόμενος,> ἄνδρας ὁμοφροσύνη μεγαλήτορας, ὧν ἄπὸ μῦθος ἱερὸς ἤῖσσεν δαιμονίου στόματος, καὶ βίοτος καθαρὸς σοφίας ἐπὶ θεῖον ἐκόσμει αἰῶν' ἀστρέπτοις δόγμασι πειθύμενος.

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104. <ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

`Αρκεσίλαε, τί μοι τί τοσοῦτον ἄκρητον ἀφειδῶς ἔσπασας, ὥστε φρενῶν ἐκτὸς ὅλισθες ἑῶν; οἰκτείρω σ' οὐ τόσσον ἐπεὶ θάνες, ἀλλ' ὅτι Μούσας ὕβρισας, οὐ μετρίη χρησάμενος κύλικι.

105.—TOY AYTOY

Καὶ σέο, Λακύδη, φάτιν ἔκλυον, ώς ἄρα καί σε Βάκχος έλων ἀίδην ποσσὶν ἔσυρεν ἄκροις. ἢ σαφὲς ἦν· Διόνυσος ὅτ' ἂν πολὺς ἐς δέμας ἔλθη, λῦσε μέλη· διὸ δὴ μήτι Λυαῖος ἔφυ;

106.—TOY AYTOY

"Χαίρετε καὶ μέμνησθε τὰ δόγματα" τοῦτ 'Επίκουρος ὕστατον εἶπε φίλοις οἶσιν ἀποφθίμενος. θερμὴν ἐς πύελον γὰρ ἐσήλυθε, καὶ τὸν ἄκρητον ἔσπασεν, εἶτ ἀίδην ψυχρὸν ἐπεσπάσατο.

^{1 &}quot;Life" in the Greek, but English will not bear the repetition.

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103.—ANTAGORAS

On Polemo and Crates

STRANGER, as thou passest by, tell that this tomb holds god-like Crates and Polemo, great-hearted kindred spirits, from whose inspired mouths the holy word rushed. A pure pursuit of wisdom, obedient to their unswerving doctrines, adorned their divine lives.

104.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS²

On Arcesilaus

ARCESILAUS, why did you drink so much wine, and so unsparingly as to slip out of your senses? I am not so sorry for you because you died as because you did violence to the Muses by using immoderate cups.³

105.—On Lacydes

And about you too, Lacydes, I heard that Bacchus took hold of you by the toes and dragged you to Hades. It is clear; when Bacchus enters the body in force he paralyses the limbs. Is that not why he is called Lyaeus? 4

106 .- On Epicurus

"ADIEU, and remember my doctrines," were Epicurus' last words to his friends when dying. For after entering a warm bath, he drank wine and then on the top of it he drank cold death.

² 104-116 are all by him.

³ Lacydes died of paralysis caused by intemperance.

4 i.e. Loosener.

107.—TOY AYTOY

Μέλλων Εὐρυμέδων ποτ' 'Αριστοτέλην ἀσεβείας γράψασθαι, Δηοῦς μύστιδος ὢν πρόπολος, ἀλλὰ πιὼν ἀκόνιτον ὑπέκφυγε· τοῦτ' ἄκονιτὶ ἡν ἄρα νικῆσαι συκοφάσεις ἀδίκους.

108.—TOY AYTOY

Καὶ πῶς εἰ μὴ Φοῖβος ἀν' Ἑλλάδα φῦσε Πλάτωνα, ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων γράμμασιν ἠκέσατο; καὶ γὰρ ὁ τοῦδε γεγὼς ᾿Ασκληπιός ἐστιν ἰητὴρ σώματος, ὡς ψυχῆς ἀθανάτοιο Πλάτων.

109.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Φοίβος ἔφυσε βροτοίς ᾿Ασκληπιον ἦδὲ Πλάτωνα, τον μὲν ἵνα ψυχήν, τον δ᾽ ἵνα σῶμα σάοι· δαισάμενος δὲ γάμον, πόλιν ἤλυθεν ἥν ποθ᾽ ἑαυτῷ ἔκτισε, καὶ δαπέδῳ Ζηνὸς ἐνιδρύσατο.

110.—TOY AYTOY

Οὐκ ἄρα τοῦτο μάταιον ἔπος μερόπων τινὶ λέχθη, ρήγνυσθαι σοφίης τόξον ἀνιέμενον· δὴ γὰρ καὶ Θεόφραστος ἔως ἐπόνει μὲν ἄπηρος ἦν δέμας, εἶτ' ἀνεθεὶς κάτθανε πηρομελής.

¹ There is a bad pun which cannot be rendered.

² The first couplet is not Diogenes' own, but is stated by Olympiodorus to have actually been inscribed on Plato's

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107 .- On Aristotle

EURYMEDON, the priest of Demeter, was once about to prosecute Aristotle for impiety, but he escaped by drinking hemlock. This was then, it seems, to overcome unjust slander without trouble.¹

108.—On Plato

How, if Phoebus had not produced Plato in Greece, could he cure men's souls by letters? For his son Asclepius is the healer of the body, as Plato is of the immortal soul.

109.—On the Same

PHOEBUS generated for mortals both Asclepius and Plato, the one to save the body, the other the soul. After celebrating a marriage he went to the city which he had founded for himself and was established in the house of Zeus.²

110 .- On Theophrastus

This, then, was no idle word that some man spoke, that the bow of wisdom breaks when relaxed. As long as Theophrastus worked he was sound of limb, but when he grew slack he died infirm.

tomb. Plato is said to have died after attending a wedding feast. By the "city he had founded for himself" Diogenes means the Republic.

111.—TOY AYTOY

Λεπτὸς ἀνὴρ δέμας ἦν—εἰ μὴ προσέχης, άποχρη μου Στράτωνα τοῦτ' οὖν φημί γε, Λαμψακὸς ὅν ποτ' ἔφυσεν· ἀεὶ δὲ νόσοισι παλαίων θνήσκει λαθών, οὐδ' ἤσθετο.

112.--ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Οὐ μὰ τόν, οὐδὲ Λύκωνα παρήσομεν, ὅττι ποδαλγὴς κάτθανε· θαυμάζω τοῦτο μάλιστα δ' ἐγώ, τὴν οὕτως ἀἴδαο μακρὴν ὁδὸν εἰ πρὶν ὁ ποσσὶν ἀλλοτρίοις βαδίσας ἔδραμε νυκτὶ μιῆ.

113.—TOY AYTOY

'Ανείλεν ἀσπὶς τὸν σοφὸν Δημήτριον ἰὸν ἔχουσα πολὺν ἄσμηκτον, οὐ στίλβουσα φῶς ἀπ' ὀμμάτων, ἀλλ' ἀίδην μέλανα.

114.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

"Ηθελες ἀνθρώποισι λιπεῖν φάτιν, Ἡρακλείδη,
ως ρα θανων ἐγένου ζωὸς ἄπασι δράκων
ἀλλὰ διεψεύσθης σεσοφισμένε δὴ γὰρ ὁ μὲν θὴρ
ἢε δράκων, σὺ δὲ θήρ, οὐ σοφὸς ἄν, ἐάλως.

Strato grew so thin that he died without feeling it.
 Heraclides begged his friends to hide his body when he

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111.—On Strato

This Strato to whom Lampsacus gave birth was a thin man (I don't mind if you don't attend. I assert this at least). He ever fought with disease and died without feeling it.¹

112.--On Lyco

No by—neither shall we neglect to tell how Lyco died of the gout. The thing that surprises me most is that he who formerly walked with other people's feet managed in one night to run all the way to Hades.

113.—On Demetrius Phalereus

An asp that had much poison, not to be wiped off, darting no light but black death from its eyes, slew wise Demetrius.

114.—On Heraclides Ponticus

HERACLIDES, you wished to leave a report among men that when you died you became a live serpent in the eyes of all. But you were taken in, cunning wise man, for the beast was indeed a serpent, but you, being no wise man, were shown to be a beast.²

died and put a serpent on his bed that it might be supposed to be his spirit. The stratagem however was discovered.

115.--ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Τὸν βίον ἦσθα Κύων, 'Αντίσθενες, ὧδε πεφυκώς. ὥστε δακεῖν κραδίην ῥήμασιν, οὐ στόμασιν. ἀλλ' ἔθανες φθισικός, τάχ' ἐρεῖ τις ἴσως· τί δὲ τοῦτο; πάντως εἰς ἀἴδην δεῖ τιν' ὁδηγὸν ἔχειν.

116.—TOY AYTOY

Διόγενες, ἄγε λέγε, τίς ἔλαβέ σε μόρος ἐς ᾿Αίδος; ἔλαβέ με κυνὸς ἄγριον ὀδάξ.

117. <ZHNOΔΟΤΟΥ>

Έκτισας αὐτάρκειαν, ἀφεὶς κενεαυχέα πλοῦτον, Ζήνων, σὺν πολιῷ σεμνὸς ἐπισκυνίῳ: ἄρσενα γὰρ λόγον εὖρες, ἐνηθλήσω δὲ προνοίᾳ, αἵρεσιν ἀτρέστου μητέρ' ἐλευθερίης. εἰ δὲ πάτρα Φοίνισσα, τίς ὁ φθόνος; ἢν καὶ ὁ Κάδμος 5 κεῦνος, ἀφ' οὖ γραπτὰν Ἑλλὰς ἔχει σελίδα.

118.-ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ

Τὸν Κιτιέα Ζήνωνα θανεῖν λόγος ὡς ὑπὸ γήρως πολλὰ καμὼν ἐλύθη μένων ἄσιτος· <οί δ' ὅτι προσκόψας ποτ' ἔφη χερὶ γᾶν ἀλοήσας, "Ερχομαι αὐτόματος· τί δὴ καλεῖς με;">

i.e. Cynic.

² Zeno stumbled and broke his finger: striking his hand

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 115-118

115.—On Antisthenes

You were in your lifetime a Dog, 1 Antisthenes, of such a nature that you bit the heart with words, not with your mouth. But someone perchance will say you died of consumption. What does that matter? One must have someone to guide one to Hades.

116 .- On Diogenes

"DIOGENES, tell what fate took you to Hades?" "A dog's fierce bite."

117.—ZENODOTUS

On Zeno

Zeno, reverend grey-browed sage, thou didst found the self-sufficient life, abandoning the pursuit of vainglorious wealth; for virile (and thou didst train thyself to foresight) was the school of thought thou didst institute, the mother of dauntless freedom. If thy country were Phoenicia what reproach is that? Cadmus too, from whom Greece learnt writing, was a Phoenician.

118.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

Some say that Zeno of Citium, suffering much from old age, remained without food, and others that striking the earth with his hand he said, "I come of my own accord. Why dost thou call me?" 2

on the ground, he cried, "I come; why callest thou me?" and at once strangled himself.

119.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ηνίκα Πυθαγόρης τὸ περικλεὲς εὕρετο γράμμα κεῖν', ἐφ' ὅτφ κλεινὴν ἤγαγε βουθυσίην.

120.-ΕΕΝΟΦΑΝΟΥΣ

Καί ποτέ μιν στυφελιζομένου σκύλακος παριόντα φασίν ἐποικτείραι, καὶ τόδε φάσθαι ἔπος· "Παῦσαι, μηδὲ ῥάπιζ', ἐπειὴ φίλου ἀνέρος ἐστὶ ψυχή, τὴν ἔγνων, φθεγξαμένης ἀΐων."

121.—ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ

Οὐ μόνος ἐμψύχων ἄπεχες χέρας, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡμεῖς· τίς γὰρ δς ἐμψύχων ἥψατο, Πυθαγόρη; ἀλλ' ὅταν έψηθῆ τι καὶ ὀπτηθῆ καὶ ἁλισθῆ δὴ τότε καὶ ψυχὴν οὐκ ἔχον ἐσθίομεν.

122.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Αιαί, Πυθαγόρης τί τόσον κυάμους ἐσεβάσθη, καὶ θάνε φοιτηταίς ἄμμιγα τοῖς ἰδίοις; χωρίον ἢν κυάμων ἵνα μὴ τούτους δὲ πατήση ἐξ ᾿Ακραγαντίνων κάτθαν ἐνὶ τριόδω.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 119-122

119.—Anonymous

On Pythagoras

DEDICATED when Pythagoras discovered that famous figure 1 to celebrate which he made a grand sacrifice of an ox.

120.—XENOPHANES

On the Same

They say that once he passed by as a dog was being beaten, and pitying it spoke as follows, "Stop, and beat it not; for the soul is that of a friend; I know it, for I heard it speak."

121.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On the Same

Nor you alone, Pythagoras, abstained from living things, but we do so likewise; who ever touched living things? But when they are boiled and roasted and salted, then they have no life in them and we eat them.

122.-By THE SAME

On the Same

ALAS! why did Pythagoras reverence beans so much and die together with his pupils? There was a field of beans, and in order to avoid trampling them he let himself be killed on the road by the Agrigentines.

i.e. what is now called the Forty-seventh Proposition of Euclid, Book I.

123.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Καὶ σύ ποτ', Ἐμπεδόκλεις, διερῆ φλογὶ σῶμα καθήρας πῦρ ἀπὸ κρητήρων ἔκπιες ἀθάνατον· οὐκ ἐρέω δ' ὅτι σαυτὸν ἑκὼν βάλες ἐς ῥόον Αἴτνης, ἀλλὰ λαθεῖν ἐθέλων ἔμπεσες οὐκ ἐθέλων.

124.—TOY AYTOY

Ναὶ μὴν Ἐμπεδοκλῆα θανεῖν λόγος ὡς ποτ' ἀμάξης ἔκπεσε, καὶ μηρὸν κλάσσατο δεξιτερόν εἰ δὲ πυρὸς κρητῆρας ἐσήλατο καὶ πίε τὸ ζῆν, πῶς ἄν ἔτ' ἐν Μεγάροις δείκνυτο τοῦδε τάφος;

125.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Εἴ τι παραλλάσσει φαέθων μέγας ἄλιος ἄστρων, καὶ πόντος ποταμῶν μείζον' ἔχει δύναμιν, φαμὶ τοσοῦτον ἐγὼ σοφία προέχειν Ἐπίχαρμον, ον πατρὶς ἐστεφάνωσ' ἄδε Συρακοσίων.

126. <ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

Τὴν ὑπόνοιαν πᾶσι μάλιστα λέγω θεραπεύειν·
εἰ γὰρ καὶ μὴ δρᾶς, ἀλλὰ δοκεῖς, ἀτυχεῖς.
οὕτω καὶ Φιλόλαον ἀνεῖλε Κρότων ποτὲ πάτρη,
ὥς μιν ἔδοξε θέλειν δῶμα τύραννον ἔχειν.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 123-126

123.—By THE SAME

On Empedocles

And you too, Empedocles, purifying your body by aquid flame, drank immortal fire from the crater. I will not say that you threw yourself on purpose into Etna's stream, but wishing to hide you fell in against your will.

124.—By THE SAME

On the Same

They say Empedocles died by a fall from a carriage, breaking his right thigh. But if he jumped into the fiery bowl and drank life, how is it his tomb is shown still in Megara?

125.—Anonymous

On Epicharmus

EVEN as the great burning sun surpasseth the stars and the sea is stronger than the rivers, so I say that Epicharmus, whom this his city Syracuse crowned, excelleth all in wisdom.

126.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On Philolaus

I ADVISE all men to cure suspicion, for even if you don't do a thing, but people think you do, it is ill for you. So Croton, his country, once slew Philolaus because they thought he wished to have a house like a tyrant's.

With a play on the other meaning "bowl."

127.—TOY AYTOY

Πολλάκις 'Ηράκλειτον ἐθαύμασα, πῶς ποτὲ τὸ ζῆν ὧδε διαντλήσας δύσμορος, εἶτ' ἔθανεν· σῶμα γὰρ ἀρδεύουσα κακὴ νόσος ὕδατι, φέγγος ἔσβεσεν ἐκ βλεφάρων καὶ σκύτον ἠγάγετο.

128.— $A\Delta H\Lambda ON$

Ηράκλειτος έγω· τί μ' ἄνω κάτω έλκετ' ἄμουσοι; οὐχ ὑμῖν ἐπόνουν, τοῖς δ' ἔμ' ἐπισταμένοις. εἶς ἐμοὶ ἄνθρωπος τρισμύριοι, οἱ δ' ἀνάριθμοι οὐδείς. ταῦτ' αὐδῶ καὶ παρὰ Περσεφόνη.

129. $<\Delta$ IOΓENOΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

"Ηθελες, & Ζήνων, καλὸν ἤθελες, ἄνδρα τύραννον κτείνας ἐκλῦσαι δουλοσύνης Ἐλέαν ἀλλ' ἐδάμης. δὴ γάρ σε λαβὼν ὁ τύραννος ἐν ὅλμφ κόψε· τί τοῦτο λέγω; σῶμα γάρ, οὐγὶ δὲ σέ.

130. → TOY AYTOY

Καὶ σεῦ, Πρωταγόρη, φάτιν ἔκλυον, ὡς ἄρ' ᾿Αθηνῶν ἔκ ποτ' ἰὼν καθ' ὁδὸν πρέσβυς ἐὼν ἔθανες· εἴλετο γάρ σε φυγεῖν Κέκροπος πόλις· ἀλλὰ σὺ μέν που Παλλάδος ἄστυ φύγες, Πλουτέα δ' οὐκ ἔφυγες.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 127-130

127.—By THE SAME On Heraclitus

I often wondered about Heraclitus, how after leading such an unhappy life, he finally died. For an evil disease, watering his body, put out the light in his eyes and brought on darkness.

128.—Anonymous

On the Same

I AM Heraclitus. Why do you pull me this way and that, ye illiterate? I did not work for you, but for those who understand me. One man for me is equivalent to thirty thousand and countless men are but as nobody. This I proclaim even in the house of Persephone.

129.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On Zeno the Eleatic

You wished, Zeno—'twas a goodly wish—to kill the tyrant and free Elea, but you were slain, for the tyrant caught you and pounded you in a mortar. Why do I speak thus? It was your body, not you.

130.—By The Same On Protagoras

About you, too, Protagoras, I heard that once leaving Athens in your old age you died on the road; for the city of Cecrops decreed your exile. So you escaped from Athens but not from Pluto.

¹ The same saying is attributed to Democritus by Seneca, and both philosophers no doubt shared this contempt for the many.

131.—ΑΛΛΟ

Πρωταγόρην λόγος ὧδε θανείν φέρει ἀλλὰ γὰρ †οὔτι ήκατο σῶμα γαίαν, ψυχὰ δ' ἄλτο σοφοίς.

132.—AAAO

Καὶ σέο, Πρωταγόρη, σοφίης ἴδμεν βέλος ὀξύ, ἀλλ' οὐ τιτρῶσκον, †ὤν δὲ γλυκὺ †κρῆμα.¹

133. <ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ>

Πτίσσετε, Νικοκρέων, ἔτι καὶ μάλα, θύλακός ἐστι·
πτίσσετ', 'Ανάξαρχος δ' ἐν Διός ἐστι πάλαι·
καὶ σὲ διαστείλασα γνάφοις ὀλίγον τάδε λέξει
ἡήματα Περσεφόνη· "'Ερρε μυλωθρὲ κακέ.'

134.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ενθάδε Γοργίου ή κεφαλή κυνικοῦ κατάκειμαι, οὐκέτι χρεμπτομένη, οὔτ' ἀπομυσσομένη.

135.--ΑΛΛΟ

Θεσσαλὸς Ἱπποκράτης, Κῷος γένος, ἐνθάδε κεῖται, Φοίβου ἀπὸ ῥίζης ἀθανάτου γεγαώς,

 $\chi \rho \hat{\iota}_{\mu} \alpha$ has been suggested by Boissonade and I render so. 76

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 131-135

131.—Anonymous

On the Same

PROTAGORAS is said to have died here; but... his body alone reached the earth, his soul leapt up to the wise.

132.—Anonymous

On the Same

WE know too, Protagoras, the sharp arrow of thy wisdom. Yet it wounds not, but is a sweet unguent.

133.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

On Anaxarchus

Bray it in the mortar still more, Nicocreon, it is a bag, bray it, but Anaxarchus is already in the house of Zeus, and Persephone soon, carding you, will say, "Out on thee, evil miller." ¹

134.—Anonymous

On Gorgias

HERE I lie, the head of Cynic Gorgias, no longer clearing my throat nor blowing my nose.

135.—Anonymous

On Hippocrates of Cos, the Physician

HERE lieth Thessalian Hippocrates, by descent a Coan, sprung from the immortal stock of Phoebus.

¹ Nicocreon, the Cyprian tyrant, is said to have pounded Anaxarchus to death. Anaxarchus exclaimed, "Pound this bag (my body), but you do not pound Anaxarchus himself." This is a well-attested story.

140.—ΑΡΧΙΟΥ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΟΣ

Καὶ γενέταν τοῦ νέρθε καὶ οὔνομα καὶ χθόνα φώνει, στάλα, καὶ ποία κηρὶ δαμεὶς ἔθανε. πατὴρ μὲν Πρίαμος, γᾶ δ' Ίλιον, οὔνομα δ' Έκτωρ, ὧνερ, ὑπὲρ πάτρας δ' ὧλετο μαρνάμενος.

141.--ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΟΥ

Θεσσαλέ Πρωτεσίλαε, σὲ μὲν πολὺς ἄσεται αἰών,
Τροία ὀφειλομένου πτώματος ἀρξάμενον
τῆμα δέ τοι πτελέησι συνηρεφὲς ἀμφικομεῦσι
Νύμφαι, ἀπεχθομένης Ἰλίου ἀντιπέρας
δένδρα δὲ δυσμήνιτα, καὶ ἢν ποτὶ τεῖχος ἴδωσι
Τρώϊον, αὐαλέαν φυλλοχοεῦντι κόμην,
ὅσσος ἐν ἡρώεσσι τότ' ἢν χόλος, εἰ μέρος ἀκμὴν
ἐχθρὸν ἐν ἀψύχοις σώζεται ἀκρεμόσιν;

142.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Τύμβος 'Αχιλλῆος ἡηξήνορος, ὅν ποτ' 'Αχαιοὶ δώμησαν, Τρώων δεῖμα καὶ ἐσσομένων· αἰγιαλῷ δὲ νένευκεν, ἵγα στοναχῆσι θαλάσσης κυδαίνοιτο πάϊς τῆς ἀλίας Θέτιδος.

W. M. Hardinge, in The Nineteenth Century, Nov. 1878, p. 873.

143.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

"Ανδρε δύω φιλότητι καὶ ἐν τεύχεσσιν ἀρίστω, χαίρετον, Αἰακίδη, καὶ σύ, Μενοιτιάδη. 80

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 140-143

140.—ARCHIAS OF MACEDON On Hector

Tell, O column, the parentage of him beneath thee and his name and country and by what death he died. "His father was Priam, his country Ilion, his name Hector, and he perished fighting for his native land."

141.—ANTIPHILUS OF BYZANTIUM.

On Protesilaus

O Thessalian-Protesilaus, long ages shall sing of thee, how thou didst strike the first blow in Troy's predestined fall. The Nymphs tend and encircle with overshadowing elms thy tomb opposite hated Ilion. Wrathful are the trees, and if they chance to see the walls of Troy, they shed their withered leaves. How bitter was the hatred of the heroes if a part of their enmity lives yet in soulless branches.

142.—Anonymous

On Achilles

This is the tomb of Achilles the man-breaker, which the Achaeans built to be a terror to the Trojans even in after generations, and it slopes to the beach, that the son of Thetis the sea-goddess may be saluted by the moan of the waves.

143.—Anonymous

On Achilles and Patroclus

HAIL Acacides and Menoetiades, ye twain supreme in Love and Arms.

144.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Ήδυεπης Νέστωρ Πύλιος Νηλήϊος ήρως ἐν Πύλφ ηγαθέη τύμβον ἔχει τριγέρων.

145.—ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΑΔΟΥ

"Αδ' ἐγὼ ά τλίμων 'Αρετὰ παρὰ τῷδε κάθημαι Λἴαντος τύμβω κειραμένα πλοκάμους, θυμὸν ἄχει μεγάλω βεβολημένα, εἰ παρ' 'Αχαιοῖς ά δολόφρων 'Απάτα κρέσσον ἐμεῦ δύναται.

146.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Σημα παρ' Αἰάντειον ἐπὶ 'Ροιτητσιν ἀκταῖς θυμοβαρης 'Αρετὰ μύρομαι ἐζομένα, ἀπλόκαμος, πινόεσσα, διὰ κρίσιν ὅττι Πελασγῶν οὐκ ἀρετὰ νικậν ἔλλαχεν, ἀλλὰ δόλος. τεύχεα δ' ὰν λέξειεν 'Αχιλλέος. " 'Αρσενος ἀκμᾶς, 5 οὐ σκολιῶν μύθων ἄμμες ἐφιέμεθα."

147.—APXIOT

Μοῦνος ἐναιρομένοισιν ὑπέρμαχος ἀσπίδα τείνας, νηυσὶ βαρὺν Τρώων, Αἰαν, ἔμεινας ἄρην· οὐδέ σε χερμαδίων ὧσεν κτύπος, οὐ νέφος ἰῶν, οὐ πῦρ, οὐ δοράτων, οὐ ξιφέων πάταγος· ἀλλὶ αὕτως προβλής τε καὶ ἔμπεδος, ὥς τις ἐρίπνα δορυθείς, ἔτλης λαίλαπα δυσμενέων.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 144-147

144.—Anonymous

On Nestor

Sweet-spoken Nestor of Pylus, the hero-son of Nelcus, the old, old man, has his tomb in pleasant Pylus.

145.—ASCLEPIADES

On Ajax

HERE sit I, miserable Virtue, by this tomb of Ajax, with shorn hair, smitten with heavy sorrow that cunning Fraud hath more power with the Greeks than I.

146.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the Same

By the tomb of Ajax on the Rhoetean shore, I, Virtue, sit and mourn, heavy at heart, with shorn locks, in soiled raiment, because that in the judgment court of the Greeks not Virtue but Fraud triumphed. Achilles' arms would fain cry, "We want no crooked words, but manly valour."

147.—ARCHIAS

On the Same

ALONE in defence of the routed host, with extended shield didst thou, Ajax, await the Trojan host that threatened the ships. Neither the crashing stones moved thee, nor the cloud of arrows, nor the clash of spears and swords; but even so, like some crag, standing out and firmly planted thou didst face the hurricane of the foes. If Hellas did

εὶ δέ σε μὴ τεύχεσσιν 'Αχιλλέος ὅπλισεν Ἑλλάς, ἄξιον ἀντ' ἀρετᾶς ὅπλα ποροῦσα γέρας, Μοιράων βουλῆσι τάδ' ἤμπλακεν, ὡς ἂν ὑπ' ἐχθρῶν μή τινος, ἀλλὰ σὸ σῆ πότμον ἔλης παλάμη.

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148.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Σήμα τόδ' Αἴαντος Τελαμωνίου, δυ κτάνε Μοίρα, αὐτοῦ χρησαμένα καὶ χερὶ καὶ ξίφεϊ. οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐν θυητοίσι δυνήσατο καὶ μεμαυία εὐρέμεναι Κλωθὼ τῷδ' ἔτερου φονέα.

149.—ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Κείται ἐνὶ Τροίη Τελαμώνιος, οὔ τινι δ' ἔμπης ἀντιβίων ὀπάσας εὖχος ἑοῦ θανάτου· τόσσης γὰρ χρόνος ἄλλον ἐπάξιον ἀνέρα τόλμης οὐχ εὑρών, παλάμη θῆκεν ὑπ' αὐτοφόνφ.

150.—TOY AYTOY

Αΐας εν Τροίη μετὰ μυρίον εὖχος ἀέθλων μέμφεται οὐκ εχθροῖς κείμενος, ἀλλὰ φίλοις.

151.—ΑΛΛΟ

"Εκτωρ Αιαντι ξίφος ὤπασεν, "Εκτορι δ' Αιας ζωστῆρ' ἀμφοτέρων ἡ χάρις εἶς θάνατος.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 148-151

not give thee the arms of Achilles to wear, a worthy reward of thy valour, it was by the counsel of the Fates that she erred, in order that thou shouldst meet with doom from no foe, but at thine own hand.

148.—Anonymous

On the Same

This is the tomb of Telamonian Ajax whom Fate slew by means of his own hand and sword. For Clotho, even had she wished it, could not find among mortals another able to kill him.

149.—LEONTIUS SCHOLASTICUS

On the Same

The Telamonian lies low in Troy, but he gave no foeman cause to boast of his death. For Time finding no other man worthy of such a deed entrusted it to his own self-slaying hand.

150.—By THE SAME

On the Same

AJAX lieth in Troy after a thousand vaunted deeds of prowess, blaming not his foes but his friends.

151.—Anonymous

On Ajax and Hector

HECTOR gave his sword to Ajax and Ajax his girdle to Hector, and the gifts of both are alike instruments of death.

152.—AAAO

Πικρὴν ἀλλήλοις Έκτωρ χάριν ἦδὲ φέρασπις Αἴας ἐκ πολέμου μνῆμ' ἔπορου φιλίης·
Έκτωρ γὰρ ζωστῆρα λαβὼν ξίφος ἔμπαλι δῶκε·
τὴν δὲ χάριν δώρων πείρασαν ἐν θανάτῳ·
τὸ ξίφος εἶλ' Αἴαντα μεμηνότα, καὶ πάλι ζωστῆρ
εἴλκυσε Πριαμίδην δίφρια συρόμενον.
οὕτως ἐξ ἐχθρῶν αὐτοκτόνα πέμπετο δῶρα,
ἐν χάριτος προφάσει μοῖραν ἔχοντα μόρου.

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153.—ΟΜΗΡΟΥ, οἱ δὲ ΚΛΕΟΒΟΥΛΟΎ ΤΟΥ ΛΙΝΔΙΟΥ

Χαλκή παρθένος εἰμί, Μίδα δ' ἐπὶ σήματι κεῖμαι. ἔστ' αν ὕδωρ τε νάη, καὶ δένδρεα μακρὰ τεθήλη, αὐτοῦ τῆδε μένουσα πολυκλαύτω ἐπὶ τύμβω, ἀγγελέω παριοῦσι, Μίδας ὅτι τῆδε τέθαπται.

R. G. McGregor, Greek Anthology, p. 422.

154.—AΔHΛΟΝ

Eis Κόροιβον

Κοινον έγω Μεγαρεῦσι καὶ Ἰναχίδαισιν ἄθυρμα ὅδρυμαι, Ψαμάθης ἔκδικον οὐλομένης· εἰμὶ δὲ Κὴρ τυμβοῦχος· ὁ δὲ κτείνας με Κόροιβος· κεῖται δ' ὧδ' ὑπ' ἐμοῖς ποσσὶ διὰ τρίποδα· Δελφὶς γὰρ φάμα τόδ' ἐθέσπισεν, ὅφρα γενοίμαν τᾶς κείνου νύμφας σῆμα καὶ ἱστορίης.

¹ Apollo, to avenge the death of the child which Psamathe the Argive princess bore him, sent a female demon (Ποινή) which carried off babies. This demon was killed by Coroebus.

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152.—Anonymous

On the Same

BITTER favours did Hector and Ajax of the great shield give each other after the fight in memory of their friendship. For Hector received a girdle and gave a sword in return, and they proved in death the favour that was in the gifts. The sword slew Ajax in his madness, and the girdle dragged Hector behind the chariot. Thus the adversaries gave each other the self-destroying gifts, which held death in them under pretence of kindness.

153.—HOMER OR CLEOBULUS OF LINDUS

On Midas

I AM a maiden of brass, and rest on Midas' tomb. As long as water flows, and tall trees put forth their leaves, abiding here upon the tearful tomb, I tell the passers-by that Midas is buried here.

Here ends the collection of fictitious epitaphs on celebrities, but a few more will be found scattered in other parts of the book.

154.—Anonymous

On Coroebus

I am set here, an image common to the Megarians and the Argives, the avenger of unhappy Psamathe. A ghoul, a denizen of the tomb am I, and he who slew me was Coroebus; here under my feet he lies, all for the tripod. For even so did the voice of Delphi decree, that I should be the monument of Apollo's bride and tell her story.

He was pardoned by Apollo and ordered to settle wherever a tripod he carried fell. This was near Megara, and on his tomb at Megara he was represented killing the $\Pi o \nu \eta$.

155.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είς Φιλιστίωνα τὸν Νικαέα γελωτοποιόν

Ο τὸν πολυστένακτον ἀνθρώπων βίον γέλωτι κεράσας Νικαεὺς Φιλιστίων ἐνταῦθα κεῖμαι, λείψανον παντὸς βίου, πολλάκις ἀποθανών, ὧδε δ' οὐδεπώποτε.

156.—ΙΣΙΔΩΡΟΥ ΑΙΓΕΑΤΟΥ

Ίξῷ καὶ καλάμοισιν ἀπ' ἠέρος αὐτὸν ἔφερβεν Εὔμηλος, λιτῶς, ἀλλ' ἐν ἐλευθερίη. οὔποτε δ' ὀθνείην ἔκυσεν χέρα γαστρὸς ἕκητιτοῦτο τρυφὴν κείνω, τοῦτ' ἔφερ' εὐφροσύνην. τρὶς δὲ τριηκοστὸν ζήσας ἔτος ἐνθάδ' ἰαύει, παισὶ λιπὼν ἰξὸν καὶ πτερὰ καὶ καλάμους.

157.—AΔHΛΟΝ

Τρεῖς ἐτέων δεκάδας, τριάδας δύο, μέτρον ἔθηκαν ήμετέρης βιοτῆς μάντιες αἰθέριοι. ἀρκοῦμαι τούτοισιν· ὁ γὰρ χρόνος ἄνθος ἄριστον ἡλικίης· ἔθανεν χὰ τριγέρων Πύλιος.

158.— **\Δ**ΗΛΟΝ

Είς Μάρκελλον τον Σιδίτην ιατρόν

Μαρκέλλου τόδε σήμα περικλυτοῦ ἰητήρος, φωτὸς κυδίστοιο τετιμένου ἀθανάτοισιν, οῦ βίβλους ἀνέθηκεν ἐϋκτιμένη ἐνὶ Ῥώμη ᾿Αδριανὸς προτέρων προφερεστερος ἡγεμονήων, καὶ πάϊς ᾿Αδριανοῖο μέγ᾽ ἔξοχος ᾿Αντωνῖνος,

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155.—Anonymous

On Philistion the Actor of Nicaea

I, Philistion of Nicaea, who tempered with laughter the miserable life of men, lie here, the remains of all life 1; I often died, but never yet just in this way.

156.—ISIDORUS OF AEGAE

By his bird-lime and canes Eumelus lived on the creatures of the air, simply but in freedom. Never did he kiss a strange hand for his belly's sake. This his craft supplied him with luxury and delight. Ninety years he lived, and now sleeps here, having left to his children his bird-lime, nets and canes.

157.—Anonymous

Three decades and twice three years did the heavenly augurs fix as the measure of my life. I am content therewith, for that age is the finest flower of life. Even ancient Nestor died.

158.—Anonymous

On Marcellus the Physician of Side

This is the tomb of Marcellus the renowned physician, a most celebrated man, honoured by the gods, whose books were presented (to the public library) in fair-built Rome by Hadrian the best of our former emperors, and by admirable Antoninus,

¹ i.e. he had represented all kinds of life on the stage.

όφρα καὶ ἐσσομένοισι μετ' ἀνδράσι κῦδος ἄροιτο είνεκεν εὐεπίης, τήν οἱ πόρε Φοῖβος ᾿Απόλλων, ἡρώω μέλψαντι μέτρω θεραπήϊα νούσων Βίβλοις ἐν πινυταῖς Χειρωνίσι τεσσαράκοντα.

159.—NIKAPXOT

'Ορφεὺς μὲν κιθάρα πλεῖστον γέρας εἴλετο θνητῶν, Νέστωρ δὲ γλώσσης ἡδυλόγου σοφίη, τεκτοσύνη δ' ἐπέων πολυΐστωρ θεῖος "Ομηρος, Τηλεφάνης δ' αὐλοῖς, οὖ τάφος ἐστὶν ὅδε.

160.—ΑΝΑΚΡΕΟΝΤΟΣ

Καρτερος εν πολέμοις Τιμόκριτος, οὖ τόδε σᾶμα• "Αρης δ' οὖκ ἀγαθῶν φείδεται, ἀλλὰ κακῶν.

161.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

α. 'Ορνι, Διὸς Κρονίδαο διάκτορε, τεῦ χάριν ἔστας γοργὸς ὑπὲρ μεγάλου τύμβον 'Αριστομένους;
 β. 'Αγγέλλω μερόπεσσιν ὅθ' οὕνεκεν ὅσσον ἄριστος οἰωνῶν γενόμαν, τόσσον ὅδ' ἢιθέων.
 δειλαί τοι δειλοῖσιν ἐφεδρήσσουσι πέλειαι ἄμμες δ' ἀτρέστοις ἀνδράσι τερπόμεθα.

162.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Εὐφράτην μὴ καῖε, Φιλώνυμε, μηδὲ μιήνης πῦρ ἐπ' ἐμοί· Πέρσης εἰμὶ καὶ ἐκ πατέρων, Πέρσης αὐθιγενής, ναὶ δέσποτα· πῦρ δὲ μιῆναι ἡμῖν τοῦ χαλεποῦ πικρότερον θανάτου. ἀλλὰ περιστείλας με δίδου χθυνί· μηδ' ἐπὶ νεκρῷ λουτρὰ χέης· σέβομαι, δέσποτα, καὶ ποταμούς.

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Hadrian's son; so that among men in after years he might win renown for his eloquence, the gift of Phoebus Apollo. He sung of the treatment of diseases in forty skilled books of heroic verse called the Chironides.

159.—NICARCHUS

ORPHEUS won the highest prize among mortals by his harp, Nestor by the skill of his sweet-phrased tongue, divine Homer, the learned in lore, by the art of his verse, but Telephanes, whose tomb this is, by the flute.

160.—ANACREON

Valiant in war was Timocritus, whose tomb this is. War is not sparing of the brave, but of cowards.

161.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On Aristomenes, on whose Tomb stood an Eagle

"FLEET-WINGED bird of Zeus, why dost thou stand in splendour on the tomb of great Aristomenes?" "I tell unto men that as I am chief among the birds, so was he among the youth. Timid doves watch over cowards, but we delight in dauntless men."

162.—DIOSCORIDES

Burn not Euphrates, Philonymus, nor defile Fire for me. I am a Persian as my fathers were, a Persian of pure stock, yea, master: to defile Fire is for us bitterer than cruel death. But wrap me up and lay me in the ground, washing not my corpse; I worship rivers also, master.

¹ The slave's name.

163.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

- α. Τίς τίνος εὖσα, γύναι, Παρίην ὑπὸ κίονα κεῖσαι;
 β. Πρηξὼ Καλλιτέλευς. α. Καὶ ποδαπή;
 β. Σαμίη.
- α. Τίς δέ σε καὶ κτερέϊξε; β. Θεόκριτος, ὧ με γονῆες ἐξέδοσαν.
 α. Θνήσκεις δ' ἐκ τίνος; β. Ἐκ τοκετοῦ.
- α. Εὖσα πόσων ἐτέων;
 β. Δύο κεἴκοσιν.
 α. Ἡ
 ἡά γ' ἄτεκνος;

β. $O\ddot{v}$ κ, \dot{a} λλ \dot{a} τριετ $\hat{\eta}$ Καλλιτέλην ἔλιπον.

α. Ζώοι σοὶ κεῖνός γε, καὶ ἐς βαθὺ γῆρας ἵκοιτο.
 β. Καὶ σοί, ξεῖνε, πόροι πάντα Τύχη τὰ καλά.

164.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

- α. Φράζε, γύναι, γενεήν, ὄνομα, χθόνα. β. Καλλιτέλης μέν
 - ό σπείρας, Πρηξώ δ' οὔνομα, γῆ δὲ Σάμος.
- α. Σημα δὲ τίς τόδ ἔχωσε; β. Θεόκριτος, ὁ πρὶν ἄθικτα

ήμετέρας λύσας ἄμματα παρθενίης.

α. Πῶς δ' ἔθανες; β. Λοχίοισιν ἐν ἄλγεσιν α. Εἰπὲ δὲ ποίην

ήλθες ές ήλικίην. β. Δισσάκις ένδεκέτις.

- a. Ἡ καὶ ἄπαις; β. Οὐ, ξεῖνε· λέλοιπα γὰρ ἐν νεότητι
 Καλλιτέλη, τριετῆ παῖδ' ἔτι νηπίαγον.
- α. "Ελθοι ἐς ὀλβιστὴν πολιὴν τρίχα. β. Καὶ σόν, ὁδῦτα.

ουριον ιθύνοι πάντα Τύχη βίοτον.

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163.—LEONIDAS

A. "Who art thou, who thy father, lady lying under the column of Parian marble?" B. "Praxo, daughter of Calliteles." A. "And thy country?" B. "Samos." A. "Who laid thee to rest?" B. "Theocritus to whom my parents gave me in marriage." A. "And how didst thou die?" B. "In childbirth." A. "How old?" B. "Twentytwo." A. "Childless then?" B. "No! I left behind my three year old Calliteles." A. "May he live and reach a ripe old age." B. "And to thee, stranger, may Fortune give all good things"

164.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

A Variant of the Last

A. "Tell me, lady, thy parentage, name and country." B. "Calliteles begat me, Praxo was my name, and my land Samos." A. "And who erected this monument?" B. "Theocritus who loosed my maiden zone, untouched as yet." A. "How didst thou die?" B. "In the pains of labour." A. "And tell me what age thou hadst reached." B. "Twice eleven years." A. "Childless?" B. "No, stranger, I left Calliteles behind me, my baby boy." A. "May he reach a grey and blessed old age." B. "And may Fortune, O stranger, steer the course of all thy life before a fair breeze."

165.—TOY AYTOY, of Se APXIOT

a. Εἰπὲ γύναι τίς ἔφυς. β. Πρηξώ. a. Τίνος ἔπλεο πατρός ;

β. Καλλιτέλευς. α. Πάτρας δ' ἐκ τίνος ἐσσί;
 β. Σάμου.

α. Μνᾶμα δέ σου τίς ἔτευξε; β. Θεόκριτος, ὅς με σύνευνον

ήγετο. α. Πῶς δ' ἐδάμης; β. Ἄλγεσιν ἐν λοχίοις.

 α. Εἰν ἔτεσιν τίσιν εὖσα; β. Δὶς ἔνδεκα. α. Παῖδα δὲ λείπεις;

β. Νηπίαχον τρισσῶν Καλλιτέλην ἐτέων.

α. Ζωῆς τέρμαθ' ἴκοιτο μετ' ἀνδράσι. β. Καὶ σέο δοίη παντὶ Τύχη βιότω τερπνόν, όδιτα, τέλος.

166.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ, οί δὲ ΝΙΚΑΡΧΟΥ

Τὴν γοεραῖς πνεύσασαν ἐν ὧδίνεσσι Λαμίσκην ὕστατα, Νικαρέτης παῖδα καὶ Εὐπόλιδος, σὺν βρέφεσιν διδύμοις, Σαμίην γένος, αὶ παρὰ Νείλῷ κρύπτουσιν Λιβύης ἦόνες εἰκοσέτιν.

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άλλά, κόραι, τῆ παιδὶ λεχώϊα δῶρα φέρουσαι, θερμὰ κατὰ ψυχροῦ δάκρυα χεῖτε τάφου.

167.-ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ, οι δε ΕΚΑΤΑΙΟΥ ΘΑΣΙΟΥ

'Αρχέλεω με δάμαρτα Πολυξείνην, Θεοδέκτου παίδα καὶ αἰνοπαθοῦς ἔννεπε Δημαρέτης, ὅσσον ἐπ' ἀδισιν καὶ μητέρα· παίδα δὲ δαίμων ἔφθασεν οὐδ' αὐτῶν εἴκοσιν ἡελίων. ὀκτωκαιδεκέτις δ' αὐτὴ θάνον, ἄρτι τεκοῦσα, ἄρτι δὲ καὶ νύμφη, πάντ' ὀλιγογρόνιος.

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165.—By THE SAME, OR BY ARCHIAS

Another Variant

A. "Tell me, lady, who thou wast?" B. "Praxo." A. "Who thy father?" B. "Calliteles." A. "And from what country art thou?" B. "Samos." A. "Who made thy tomb?" B. "Theocritus who took me to wife." A. "How didst thou die?" B. "In labour pangs." A. "At what age?" B. "Twenty-two." A. "Hast thou left a child?" B. "Calliteles, a baby of three." A. "May he grow to manhood." B. "And may Fortune, O wayfarer, end thy life happily."

166.—DIOSCORIDES or NICARCHUS

In Africa on the banks of the Nile resteth with her twin babes Lamisca of Samos the twenty year old daughter of Nicarete and Eupolis, who breathed her last in the bitter pangs of labour. Bring to the girl, ye maidens, such gifts as ye give to one newly delivered, and shed warm tears upon her cold tomb.

167.—By THE SAME, OR BY HECATAEUS OF THASOS

Call me Polyxena the wife of Archelaus, daughter of Theodectes and ill-fated Demarete, a mother too in so far at least as I bore a child; for Fate overtook my babe ere it was twenty days old, and I died at eighteen, for a brief time a mother, for a brief time a bride—in all short-lived.

168.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΟΥ

" Εὐχέσθω τις ἔπειτα γυνὴ τόκον," εἶπε Πολυξώ, γαστέρ ὑπὸ τρισσῶν ἡηγνυμένη τεκέων μαίης δ' ἐν παλάμησι χύθη νέκυς οἱ δ' ἐπὶ γαῖαν ὤλισθον κοίλων ἄρρενες ἐκ λαγόνων, μητέρος ἐκ νεκρῆς ζωὸς γόνος εἶς ἄρα δαίμων τῆς μὲν ἀπὸ ζωὴν εἵλετο, τοῖς δ' ἔπορεν.

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169.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Εἰς τὴν δάμαλιν τὴν ἱσταμένην πέραν Βυζαντίου ἐν Χρυσοπόλει

Ἰναχίης οὐκ εἰμὶ βοὸς τύπος, οὐδ' ἀπ' ἐμεῖο κλήζεται ἀντωπὸν Βοσπόριον πέλαγος. κείνην γὰρ τὸ πάροιθε βαρὺς χόλος ἤλασεν Πρης ἐς Φάρον· ἥδε δ' ἐγὰ Κεκροπίς εἰμι νέκυς. εὐνέτις ἦν δὲ Χάρητος· ἔπλων δ' ὅτ' ἔπλωεν ἐκεῖνος τῆδε, Φιλιππείων ἀντίπαλος σκαφέων. Βοιίδιον δὲ καλεῦμαι ἐγὰ τότε· νῦν δὲ Χάρητος εὐνέτις ἤπείροις τέρπομαι ἀμφοτέραις.

170.—ΠΟΣΕΙΔΙΠΠΟΥ, ή ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Τον τριετή παίζοντα περί φρέαρ 'Αρχιάνακτα εἴδωλον μορφᾶς κωφον ἐπεσπάσατο· ἐκ δ' ὕδατος τὸν παίδα διάβροχον ἥρπασε μάτηρ σκεπτομένα ζωᾶς εἴ τινα μοίραν ἔχει· Νύμφας δ' οὐκ ἐμίηνεν ὁ νήπιος, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ γούνων ματρὸς κοιμαθείς τὸν βαθὺν ὕπνον ἔχει.

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168.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

"Let women after this pray for children," cried Polyxo, her belly torn by three babes; and in the midwife's hands she fell dead, while the boys slid from her hollow flanks to the ground, a live birth from a dead mother. So one god took life from her and gave it to them.

169.—Anonymous

On the statue of a heifer that stands opposite Byzantium in Chrysopolis. Inscribed on the column.

I am not the image of the Argive heifer, nor is the sea that faces me, the Bosporus, called after me. She of old was driven to Pharos by the heavy wrath of Hera; but I here am a dead Athenian woman, I was the bed-fellow of Chares, and sailed with him when he sailed here to meet Philip's ships in battle. I was called Boeidion (little cow) then, and now I, bed-fellow of Chares, enjoy a view of two continents.

170.—POSEIDIPPUS OR CALLIMACHUS

The dumb image of himself attracted Archianax the three year old boy, as he was playing by the well. His mother dragged him all dripping from the water, asking herself if any life was left in him. The child defiled not with death the dwelling of the Nymphs, but fell asleep on his mother's knees, and slumbers sound.

171.—ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ ΣΙΚΥΩΝΙΟΥ

'Αμπαύσει καὶ τῆδε θοὸν πτερὸν ἱερὸς ὄρνις, τᾶσδ' ὑπὲρ άδείας έζόμενος πλατάνου· ὥλετο γὰρ Ποίμανδρος ὁ Μάλιος, οὐδ' ἔτι νεῖται ἰξὸν ἐπ' ἀγρευταῖς χευάμενος καλάμοις.

172.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Ό πρὶν ἐγὼ καὶ ψῆρα καὶ ἀρπάκτειραν ἐρύκων σπέρματος, ὑψιπετῆ Βιστονίαν γέρανον, ὑινοῦ χερμαστῆρος ἐΰστροφα κῶλα τιταίνων, ᾿Αλκιμένης, πτανῶν εἰργον ἄπωθε νέφος καὶ μέ τις οὐτήτειρα παρὰ σφυρὰ διψὰς ἔχιδνα σαρκὶ τὸν ἐκ γενύων πικρὸν ἐνεῖσα χόλον ἡελίου χήρωσεν. ἴδ' ὡς τὰ κατ' αἰθέρα λεύσσων τοὐμ ποσὶν οὐκ ἐδάην πῆμα κυλινδόμενον.

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173.—ΔΙΟΤΙΜΟΥ, οί δὲ ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Αὐτόμαται δείλη ποτὶ ταὔλιον αἰ βόες ἡλθον ἐξ ὄρεος, πολλή νιφόμεναι χιόνι· αἰαῖ, Θηρίμαχος δὲ παρὰ δρυτ τὸν μακρὸν εὕδει ὕπνον· ἐκοιμήθη δ' ἐκ πυρὸς οὐρανίου.

A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 160.

174.—EPTKIOT

Οὐκέτι συρίγγων νόμιον μέλος ἀγχόθι ταύτας άρμόζη βλωθρᾶς, Θηρίμαχε, πλατάνου· οὐδέ σευ ἐκ καλάμων κεραπὶ βόες άδὺ μέλισμα δέξονται, σκιερᾶ πὰρ δρυὰ κεκλιμένου. ὅλεσε γὰρ πρηστήρ σε κεραύνιος· αἱ δ' ἐπὶ μάνδραν 5 ὀψὲ βόες νιφετῷ σπερχόμεναι κατέβαν.

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171.—MNASALCAS OF SICYON.

HERE, too, the birds of heaven shall rest their swift wings, alighting on this sweet plane-tree. For Poemander of Melos is dead, and cometh here no longer, his fowling canes smeared with lime.

172.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

I, ALCIMENES, who used to protect the crops from the starlings and that high-flying robber the Bistonian crane, was swinging the pliant arms of my leathern sling to keep the crowd of birds away, when a dipsas viper wounded me about the ankles, and injecting into my flesh the bitter bile from her jaws robbed me of the sunlight. Look ye how gazing at what was in the air I noticed not the evil that was creeping at my feet.

173.—DIOTIMUS OR LEONIDAS

Or themselves in the evening the kine came home to byre from the hill through the heavy snow. But Therimachus, alas! sleeps the long sleep under the oak. The fire of heaven laid him to rest.

174.—ERYCIAS

On the Same

No longer, Therimachus, dost thou play thy shepherds' tunes on the pipes near this crooked-leaved plane. Nor shall the horned kine listen again to the sweet music thou didst make, reclining by the shady oak. The burning bolt of heaven slew thee, and they at nightfall came down the hill to their byre driven by the snow.

175.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ

) ὕτω πᾶσ' ἀπόλωλε, γεωπόνε, βῶλος ἀρότροις, ήδη καὶ τύμβους νωτοβατοῦσι βύες, ή δ' ὕνις ἐν νεκύεσσι; τί τοι πλέον; ἡ πόσος οὖτος πυρός, ὃν ἐκ τέφρης, κοὐ χθονὸς ἀρπάσετε; οὐκ αἰεὶ ζήσεσθε, καὶ ὑμέας ἄλλος ἀρώσει, τοίης ἀρξαμένους πᾶσι κακοσπορίης.

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176.—TOY AYTOY

Οὐχ ὅτι με φθίμενον κῆδος λίπεν, ἐνθάδε κεῖμαι γυμνὸς ὑπὲρ γαίης πυροφόροιο νέκυς· ταρχύθην γὰρ ἐγὰ τὸ πρίν ποτε, νῦν δ' ἀροτῆρος χερσὶ σιδηρείη μ' ἐξεκύλισεν ὕνις.

η ρα κακῶν θάνατόν τις ἐρεῖ λύσιν, ὁππότ' ἐμεῖο, ξεῖνε, πέλει παθέων ὕστατον οὐδὲ τάφος;

177.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Σᾶμα τόδε Σπίνθηρι πατὴρ ἐπέθηκε θανόντι.

178.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΤΟΥ

Λυδὸς ἐγώ, ναὶ Λυδός, ἐλευθερίφ δέ με τύμβφ, δέσποτα, Τιμάνθη τὸν σὸν ἔθευ τροφέα. εὐαίων ἀσινῆ τείνοις βίον· ἢν δ' ὑπὸ γήρως πρός με μόλης, σὸς ἐγώ, δέσποτα, κὴν 'Αἴδη.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, p. 48.

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175.—ANTIPHILUS

So there is no more turf, husbandman, left for thee to break up, and thy oxen tread on the backs of tombs, and the share is among the dead! What doth it profit thee? How much is this wheat ye shall snatch from ashes, not from earth? Ye shall not live for ever, and another shall plough you up, you who set to all the example of this evil husbandry.

176.—By THE SAME

Nor because I lacked funeral when I died, do I lie here, a naked corpse on wheat-bearing land. Duly was I buried once on a time, but now by the ploughman's hand the iron share hath rolled me out of my tomb. Who said that death was deliverance from evil, when not even the tomb, stranger, is the end of my sufferings?

177.—SIMONIDES

This monument his father erected above Spinther on his death (the rest is missing).

178.—DIOSCORIDES OF NICOPOLIS

I AM a Lydian, yea a Lydian, but thou, master, didst lay me, thy foster-father Timanthes, in a freeman's grave. Live long and prosper free from calamity, and if stricken in years thou comest to me, I am thine, O master, in Hades too.

¹ The verses are supposed to be spoken by the dead man whose grave the ploughman has disturbed.

179.—**Λ**ΔΗΛΟΝ

Σολ καὶ νῦν ὑπὸ γῆν, ναί, δέσποτα, πιστὸς ὑπάρχω, ώς πάρος, εὐνοίης οὐκ ἐπιληθόμενος,
ὥς με τότ' ἐκ νούσου τρὶς ἐπ' ἀσφαλὲς ἤγαγες ἴχνος,
καὶ νῦν ἀρκούση τῆδ' ὑπέθου καλύβη,
Μάνην ἀγγείλας, Πέρσην γένος. εὖ δέ με ῥέξας
ἔξεις ἐν χρείη δμῶας ἑτοιμοτέρους.

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180.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Ηλλάχθη θανάτοιο τεὸς μόρος, ἀντὶ δὲ σεῖο, δέσποτα, δοῦλος ἐγὼ στυγνὸν ἔπλησα τάφον· ἡνίκα σεῦ δακρυτὰ κατὰ χθονὸς ἡρία τεῦχον, ὡς ᾶν ἀποφθιμένου κεῖθι δέμας κτερίσω· ἀμφὶς ¹ ἔμ' ὤλισθεν γυρὴ κόνις. οὐ βαρὺς ἡμῖν ἔστ' 'Αίδης· ζήσω τὸν σὸν ὑπ' ἠέλιον.

181.—ANΔPONIKOΥ

Οἰκτρὰ δὴ δνοφερὸν δόμον ἤλυθες εἰς ᾿Αχέροντος, Δαμοκράτεια φίλα, ματρὶ λιποῦσα γόους. ἀ δέ, σέθεν φθιμένας, πολιοὺς νεοθῆγι σιδάρω κείρατο γηραλέας ἐκ κεφαλᾶς πλοκάμους.

182.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Οὐ γάμον, ἀλλ' 'Αΐδαν ἐπινυμφίδιον Κλεαρίστα δέξατο, παρθειίας ἄμματα λυομένα. ἄρτι γὰρ ἐσπέριοι νύμφας ἐπὶ δικλίσιν ἄχευν λωτοί, καὶ θαλάμων ἐπλαταγεῦντο θύραι·

1 I write so: ἀμφὶ δ' MS.

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179.—Anonymous

Now, too, underground I remain faithful to thee, master, as before, not forgetting thy kindness—how thrice when I was sick thou didst set me safe upon my feet, and hast laid me now under sufficient shelter, announcing on the stone my name, Manes, a Persian. Because thou hast been good to me thou shalt have slaves more ready to serve thee in the hour of need.

180.—APOLLONIDES

The doom of death hath been transferred, and in thy place, master, I, thy slave, fill the loathly grave. When I was building thy tearful chamber underground to lay thy body in after death, the earth around slid and covered me. Hades is not grievous to me. I shall dwell under thy sun.¹

181. - ANDRONICUS

Sore pitied, dear Democrateia, didst thou go to the dark house of Acheron, leaving thy mother to lament. And she, when thou wast dead, shore the grey hairs from her old head with the newlysharpened steel.

182.— MELEAGER

No husband but Death did Clearista receive on her bridal night as she loosed her maiden zone. But now at eve the flutes were making music at the door of the bride, the portals of her chamber

1 i.e. as long as you think kindly of me Hades will be sunlit to me.

δροι δ' ολολυγμὸν ἀνέκραγον, ἐκ δ' Ὑμέναιος σιγαθεὶς γοερὸν φθέγμα μεθαρμόσατο αί δ' αθταὶ καὶ φέγγος ἐδαδούχουν παρὰ παστῷ πεῦκαι, καὶ φθιμένα νέρθεν ἔφαινον ὁδόν.

H. C. Beeching, In a Garden, p. 100; A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 167.

183.—ΠΑΡΜΕΝΙΩΝΟΣ

"Αδης την Κροκάλης έφθασε παρθενίην είς δε γόους Υμέναιος επαύσατο τὰς δε γαμούντων ελπίδας οὐ θάλαμος κοίμισεν, άλλὰ τάφος.

184.—TOY AYTOY

Παρθενικής τάφος εἴμ' Ἑλένης, πένθει δ' ἔπ' ἀδελφοῦ προφθιμένου διπλᾶ μητρὸς ἔχω δάκρυα· μνηστήρσιν δ' ἔλιπον κοίν' ἄλγεα· τὴν γὰρ ἔτ' οὔπω οὐδενὸς ἡ πάντων ἐλπὶς ἔκλαυσεν ἴσως.

185.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Αὐσονίη με Λίβυσσαν ἔχει κόνις, ἄγχι δὲ Ῥώμης κεῖμαι παρθενικὴ τῆδε παρὰ ψαμάθω ἡ δέ με θρεψαμένη Πομπηΐη ἀντὶ θυγατρός, κλαυσαμένη τύμβω θῆκεν ἐλευθερίω, πῦρ ἔτερον σπεύδουσα τὸ δ' ἔφθασεν, οὐδὲ κατ εὐχὴν ἡμετεραν ἡψεν λαμπάδα Περσεφόνη.

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echoed to knocking hands. And at morn the death wail was loud, the bridal song was hushed and changed to a voice of wailing. The same torches that flamed round her marriage bed lighted her dead on her downward way to Hades.

183.—PARMENION

(As she had just loosed her maiden zone) Death came first and took the maidenhood of Crocale. The bridal song ended in wailing, and the fond anxiety of her parents was set to rest not by marriage but by the tomb.

184.—By THE SAME

I am the tomb of the maiden Helen, and in mourning too for her brother who died before her I receive double tears from their mother. To her suitors I left a common grief; for the hope of all mourned equally for her who was yet no one's.

185.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

The Italian earth holds me an African, and near to Rome I lie, a virgin yet, by these sands. Pompeia who reared me wept for me as for a daughter and laid me in a freewoman's grave. Another light 1 she hoped for, but this came earlier, and the torch was lit not as we prayed, but by Persephone.

i.e. that of the bridal chamber, not of my funeral pyre.

186.— Φ I Λ I Π Π O Υ

Αρτι μὲν ἐν θαλάμοις Νικιππίδος ἡδὺς ἐπήχει λωτός, καὶ γαμικοῖς †ὕμνος ¹ ἔχαιρε κρότοις βρῆνος δ' εἰς ὑμέναιον ἐκώμασεν ἡ δὲ τάλαινα, οὔπω πάντα γυνή, καὶ νέκυς ἐβλέπετο. δακρυόεις "Αίδη, τί πόσιν νύμφης διέλυσας, αὐτὸς ἐφ' ἀρπαγίμοις τερπόμενος λέχεσιν;

187.—**TOY AYTOY**

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Ή γρηΰς Νικώ Μελίτης τάφον έστεφάνωσε παρθενικής. 'Αίδη, τοῦθ' όσίως κέκρικας;

188.—ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ ΘΑΛΛΟΥ

Δύσδαιμον Κλεάνασσα, σὰ μὲν γάμφ ἔπλεο, κούρη, ὅριος, ἀκμαίης οἶά τ' ἐφ' ἡλικίης: ἀλλὰ τεοῖς θαλάμοισι γαμοστόλος οὐχ 'Υμέναιος, οὐδ' "Η ρης ζυγίης λαμπάδες ἠντίασαν, πένθιμος ἀλλ' 'Αΐδης ἐπεκώμασεν, ἀμφὶ δ' 'Ερινὺς 5 φοίνιος ἐκ στομάτων μόρσιμον ἦκεν ὅπα· ἤματι δ' ῷ νυμφεῖος ἀνήπτετο λαμπάδι παστάς, τούτφ πυρκαϊῆς, οὐ θαλάμων ἔτυχες.

189.—ΑΡΙΣΤΟΔΙΚΟΥ ΡΟΔΙΟΥ

Οὐκέτι δή σε λίγεια κατ' ἀφνεὸν 'Αλκίδος οἶκον ἀκρὶ μελιζομέναν ὄψεται ἀέλιος 'ἤδη γὰρ λειμῶνας ἐπὶ Κλυμένου πεπότησαι καὶ δροσερὰ χρυσέας ἄνθεα Περσεφόνας.

1 Jacobs suggests olnos and I render so.

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186.—PHILIPPUS

Bur now the sweet flute was echoing in the bridal chamber of Nikippis, and the house rejoiced in the clapping of hands at her wedding. But the voice of wailing burst in upon the bridal hymn, and we saw her dead, the poor child, not yet quite a wife. O tearful Hades, why didst thou divorce the bridegroom and bride, thou who thyself takest delight in rayishment?

187.—BY THE SAME

AGED Nico garlanded the tomb of maiden Melite. Hades, was thy judgement righteous?

188.—ANTONIUS THALLUS

Unhappy Cleanassa, thou wast ripe for marriage, being in the bloom of thine age. But at thy wedding attended not Hymenaeus to preside at the feast, nor did Hera who linketh man and wife come with her torches. Black-robed Hades burst in and by him the fell Erinys chanted the dirge of death. On the very day that the lights were lit around thy bridal bed thou camest to no wedding chamber, but to thy funeral pyre.

189.—ARISTODICUS OF RHODES

No longer, shrill-voiced locust, shall the sun look on thee, as thou singest in the wealthy house of Alkis, for now thou hast flown to the meadows of Hades and the dewy flowers of golden Persephone.

190.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ, οἱ δὲ ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Ακρίδι τᾶ κατ' ἄρουραν ἀηδόνι, καὶ δρυοκοίτα τέττιγι ξυνὸν τύμβον ἔτευξε Μυρώ, παρθένιον στάξασα κόρα δάκρυ· δισσὰ γὰρ αὐτᾶς παίγνι' ὁ δυσπειθὴς ἄχετ' ἔχων 'Αΐδας.

191.—APXΙΟΥ

'Α πάρος ἀντίφθογγον ἀποκλάγξασα νομεῦσι πολλάκι καὶ δρυτόμοις κίσσα καὶ ἰχθυβόλοις, πολλάκι δὲ κρέξασα πολύθροον, οἶά τις ἀχώ, κέρτομον ἀντωδοῖς χείλεσιν άρμονίαν, νῦν εἰς γᾶν ἄγλωσσος ἀναύδητός τε πεσοῦσα κεῖμαι, μιμητὰν ζᾶλον ἀνηναμένα.

192.—ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

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Οὐκέτι δη πτερύγεσσι λιγυφθόγγοισιν ἀείσεις, ἀκρί, κατ' εὐκάρπους αὔλακας έζομένα, οὐδέ με κεκλιμένον σκιερὰν ὑπὸ φυλλάδα τέρψεις, ξουθᾶν ἐκ πτερύγων ἀδὺ κρέκουσα μέλος.

193.—ΣΙΜΙΟΥ

Τάνδε κατ' εὔδενδρον στείβων δρίος εἴρυσα χειρὶ πτώσσουσαν βρομίης οἰνάδος ἐν πετάλοις, ὅφρα μοι εὐερκεῖ καναχὰν δόμφ ἔνδοθι θείη, τερπνὰ δι' ἀγλώσσου φθεγγομένα στόματος.

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190.—ANYTE or LEONIDAS

For her locust, the nightingale of the fields, and her cicada that resteth on the trees one tomb hath little Myro made, shedding girlish tears; for inexorable Hades hath carried off her two pets.

191.—ARCHIAS

A MAGPIE I, that oft of old screeched in answer to the speech of the shepherds and woodcutters and fishermen. Often like some many-voiced Echo, with responsive lips I struck up a mocking strain. Now I lie on the ground, tongueless and speechless, having renounced my passion for mimicry.

192.—MNASALCAS

On a Locust

No longer, locust, sitting in the fruitful furrows shalt thou sing with thy shrill-toned wings, nor shalt thou delight me as I lie under the shade of the leaves, striking sweet music from thy tawny wings.

193.—SIMIAS

(Not an Epitaph)

This locust crouching in the leaves of a vine I caught as I was walking in this copse of fair trees, so that in a well-fenced home it may make noise for me, chirping pleasantly with its tongueless mouth.

194.-ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

Άκρίδα Δημοκρίτου μελεσίπτερου ἄδε θανοῦσαν ἄργιλος δολιχὰν ἀμφὶ κέλευθον ἔχει,
ας καί, ὅτ' ἰθύσειε πανέσπερον ὕμνον ἀείδειν,
πᾶν μέλαθρον μολπᾶς ἴαχ' ὑπ' εὐκελάδου.

195.--ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

'Ακρίς, ἐμῶν ἀπάτημα πόθων, παραμύθιον ὕπνου, ἀκρίς, ἀρουραίη Μοῦσα, λιγυπτέρυγε, αὐτοφυὲς μίμημα λύρας, κρέκε μοί τι ποθεινόν, ἐγκρούουσα φίλοις ποσσὶ λάλους πτέρυγας, ὥς με πόνων ρύσαιο παναγρύπνοιο μερίμνης, ἀκρί, μιτωσαμένη φθόγγον ἐρωτοπλάνου. δῶρα δέ σοι γήτειον ἀειθαλὲς ὀρθρινὰ δώσω, καὶ δροσερὰς στόματι σχιζομένας ψακάδας.

196.—TOY AYTOY

'Αχήεις τέττιξ, δροσεραίς σταγόνεσσι μεθυσθείς, άγρονόμαν μέλπεις μοῦσαν ἐρημολάλον ἄκρα δ' ἐφεζόμενος πετάλοις, πριονώδεσι κώλοις αἰθίοπι κλάζεις χρωτὶ μέλισμα λύρας. ἀλλά, φίλος, φθέγγου τι νέον δενδρώδεσι Νύμφαις 5 παίγνιον, ἀντωδὸν Πανὶ κρέκων κέλαδον, ὄφρα φυγών τὸν Έρωτα, μεσημβρινὸν ὕπνον ἀγρεύσω ἐνθάδ' ὑπὸ σκιερᾳ κεκλιμένος πλατάνω.

¹ According to others, Argilos is a town.

² Literally "divided by my mouth." He means water

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194.—MNASALCAS

This clay vessel 1 set beside the far-reaching road holds the body of Democritus' locust that made music with its wings. When it started to sing its long evening hymn, all the house rang with the melodious song.

195.—MELEAGER

(This and 196 are not epitaphs but amatory poems)

Locust, beguiler of my loves, persuader of sleep, locust, shrill-winged Muse of the corn fields, Nature's mimic lyre, play for me some tune I love, beating with thy dear feet thy talking wings, that so, locust, thou mayest deliver me from the pains of sleepless care, weaving a song that enticeth Love away. And in the morning I will give thee a fresh green leek, and drops of dew sprayed from my mouth.²

196.—By THE SAME On a Cicada

Noisy cicada, drunk with dew drops, thou singest thy rustic ditty that fills the wilderness with voice, and seated on the edge of the leaves, striking with saw-like legs thy sunburnt skin thou shrillest music like the lyre's. But sing, dear, some new tune to gladden the woodland nymphs, strike up some strain responsive to Pan's pipe, that I may escape from Love and snatch a little midday sleep, reclining here beneath the shady plane-tree.

blown out in a spray from the mouth, as I have often seen done to freshen tobacco that was dry.

197.—ΦΑΕΝΝΟΥ

Δαμοκρίτω μεν έγω, λιγυραν ὅκα μοῦσαν ἐνείην ἀκρὶς ἀπὸ πτερύγων, τὸν βαθὺν ἄγον ὕπνον· Δαμόκριτος δ' ἐπ' ἐμοὶ τὸν ἐοικότα τύμβον, ὁδῖτα, ἐγγύθεν ἸΩρωποῦ χεῦεν ἀποφθιμένα.

198.--ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ ΤΑΡΕΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Εί καὶ μικρὸς ἰδεῖν καὶ ἐπ' οὔδεος, ὧ παροδῖτα, λᾶας ὁ τυμβίτης ἄμμιν ἐπικρέμαται, αἰνοίης, ὤνθρωπε, Φιλαινίδα· τὴν γὰρ ἀοιδὸν ἀκρίδα, τὴν εὖσαν τὸ πρὶν ἀκανθοβάτιν, διπλοῦς ἐς λυκάβαντας ἐφίλατο τὴν καλαμῖτιν, κἀμφίεφ' ὑμνιδίω χρησαμένην πατάγω· καί μ' οὐδὲ φθιμένην ἀπανήνατο· τοῦτο δ' ἐφ' ἡμῖν τὼλίγον ὤρθωσεν σᾶμα πολυστροφίης.

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199.—ΤΥΜΝΕΩ

"Ορνεον ὧ Χάρισιν μεμελημένον, ὧ παρόμοιον ἀλκυόσιν τὸν σὸν φθόγγον ἰσωσάμενον, ἡρπάσθης, φίλ' ἐλαιέ· σὰ δ' ἤθεα καὶ τὸ σὸν ἡδὺ πνεῦμα σιωπηραὶ νυκτὸς ἔχουσιν ὁδοί. J. A. Pett, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, ii. p. 58.

200.—NIKIOΥ

Οὐκέτι δὴ τανύφυλλον ὑπὸ †κλάκα κλωνὸς ἐλιχθεὶς τέρψομ' ἀπὸ ῥαδινῶν φθόγγον ἱεὶς πτερύγων χεῖρα γὰρ εἰς †ἀρετὰν παιδὸς πέσον, ὅς με λαθραίως μάρψεν, ἐπὶ χλωρῶν ἐζόμενον πετάλων.

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197.—PHAENNUS

I am the locust who brought deep sleep to Democritus, when I started the shrill music of my wings. And Democritus, O wayfarer, raised for me when I died a seemly tomb near Oropus.

198.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

WAYFARER, though the tombstone that surmounts my grave seems small and almost on the ground, blame not Philaenis. Me, her singing locust, that used to walk on thistles, a thing that looked like a straw, she loved and cherished for two years, because I made a melodious noise. And even when I was dead she cast me not away, but built this little monument of my varied talent.

199.—TYMNES

On an unknown bird called elaeus

Bird, nursling of the Graces, who didst modulate thy voice till it was like unto a haleyon's, thou art gone, dear elaeus, and the silent ways of night possess thy gentleness and thy sweet breath.

200.—NICIAS

No longer curled under the leafy branch shall I delight in sending forth a voice from my tender wings. For I fell into the hand of a boy, who caught me stealthily as I was seated on the green leaves.

201.—ΠΑΜΦΙΛΟΥ

Οὐκέτι δη χλωροῖσιν ἐφεζόμενος πετάλοισιν άδεῖαν μέλπων ἐκπροχέεις ἰαχάν ἀλλά σε γηρύοντα κατήναρεν, ἠχέτα τέττιξ, παιδὸς ἀπ' ἠλιθίου χεὶρ ἀναπεπταμένα.

202.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ

Οὐκέτι μ' ὡς τὸ πάρος πυκιναῖς πτερύγεσσιν ἐρέσσων ὅρσεις ἐξ εὐνῆς ὅρθριος ἐγρόμενος: ἡ γάρ σ' ὑπνώοντα σίνις λαθρηδὸν ἐπελθὼν ἔκτεινεν λαιμῷ ῥίμφα καθεὶς ὄνυχα.

203.---ΣΙΜΙΟΥ

Οὐκέτ' ἀν' ὑλῆεν δρίος εὔσκιον, ἀγρότα πέρδιξ, ἠχήεσσαν ἵης γῆρυν ἀπὸ στομάτων, θηρεύων βαλίους συνομήλικας ἐν νομῷ ὕλης· ἄχεο γὰρ πυμάταν εἰς 'Αχέροντος ὁδόν.

204.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Οὐκέτι που, τλήμου, σκοπέλων μετανάστρια πέρδιξ, πλεκτὸς λεπταλέαις οἶκος ἔχει σε λύγοις, οὐδ' ὑπὸ μαρμαρυγή θαλερώπιδος Ἡριγενείης ἄκρα παραιθύσσεις θαλπομένων πτερύγων. σὴν κεφαλὴν αἴλουρος ἀπέθρισε, τἄλλα δὲ πάντα ὅρπασα, καὶ φθονερὴν οὐι ἐκόρεσσε γένυν. νῦν δὲ σε μὴ κούφη κρύπτοι κόνις, ἀλλὰ βαρεῖα, μὴ τὸ τεὸν κείνη λείψανον ἐξερύση.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 201-204

201.—PAMPHILUS

No longer perched on the green leaves dost thou shed abroad thy sweet call, for as thou wast singing, noisy cicada, a foolish boy with outstretched hand slew thee.

202.—ANYTE

On a Cock

No longer, as of old, shalt thou awake early to rouse me from bed, flapping rapidly thy wings; for the spoiler 1 stole secretly upon thee, as thou didst sleep, and slew thee, nipping thy throat swiftly with his claws.

203.—SIMIAS

No longer, my decoy partridge, dost thou shed from thy throat thy resonant cry through the shady coppice, hunting thy pencilled fellows in their woodland feeding-ground; for thou art gone on thy last journey to the house of Acheron.

204.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

No longer, my poor partridge, exiled from the rocks, does thy plaited house hold thee in its light withes; no longer in the shine of the bright-eyed Dawn dost thou shake the tips of thy sun-warmed wings. Thy head the cat bit off, but all the rest of thee I seized from her, nor did she satisfy her wicked jaws. Now may the dust lie not light on thee but heavy, lest she drag thy corpse from the tomb.

1 Presumably a fox.

205.—TOY AYTOY

Οἰκ γενης αἴλουρος ἐμην πέρδικα φαγοῦσα ζώειν ἡμετέροις ἔλπεται ἐν μεγάροις; οὕ σε, φίλη πέρδιξ, φθιμένην ἀγέραστον ἐάσω, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ σοὶ κτείνω την σέθεν ἀντιβίην. ψυχη γὰρ σέο μᾶλλον ὀρίνεται, εἰσόκε ῥέξω ὅσσ' ἐπ' ᾿Αγιλλῆος Πύρρος ἔτευξε τάφω.

206.—ΔΑΜΟΧΑΡΙΔΟΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΜΑΘΗΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

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'Ανδροβόρων όμότεχνε κυνών, αἴλουρε κακίστη, τῶν 'Ακταιονίδων ἐσσὶ μία σκυλάκων. κτήτορος 'Αγαθίαο τεοῦ πέρδικα φαγοῦσα, λυπεῖς, ὡς αὐτὸν κτήτορα δασσαμένη. καὶ σὰ μὲν ἐν πέρδιξιν ἔχεις νόον· οἱ δὲ μύες νῦν ὀρχοῦνται, τῆς σῆς δραξάμενοι σπατάλης.

207.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Τον ταχύπουν, έτι παίδα συναρπασθέντα τεκούσης ἄρτι μ' ἀπο στέργων, οὐατόεντα λαγων ἐν κόλποις στέργουσα διέτρεφεν ὰ γλυκερόχρως Φανίον, εἰαρινοῖς ἄνθεσι βοσκόμενον. οὐδέ με μητρος ἔτ' εἶχε πόθος· θνήσκω δ' ὑπὸ θοίνης 5 ἀπλήστου, πολλῆ δαιτὶ παχυνόμενος. καί μου πρὸς κλισίαις κρύψεν νέκυν, ὡς ἐν ὀνείροις αἰὲν ὁρậν κοίτης γειτονέοντα τάφον.

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205.—By THE SAME

Does the house-cat, after eating my partridge, expect to live in my halls? No! dear partridge, I will not leave thee unhongured in death, but on thy body I will slay thy foe. For thy spirit grows ever more perturbed until I perform the rites that Pyrrhus executed on the tomb of Achilles.

206.—DAMOCHARIS THE GRAMMARIAN, PUPIL OF AGATHIAS

WICKEDEST of cats, rival of the man-eating pack, thou art one of Actaeon's hounds. By eating the partridge of Agathias thy master, thou hurtest him no less than if thou hadst feasted on himself. Thy heart is set now on partridges, but the mice meanwhile are dancing, running off with thy dainties.

207.—MELEAGER

I was a swift-footed long-eared leveret, torn from my mother's breast while yet a baby, and sweet Phanion cherished and reared me in her bosom, feeding me on flowers of spring. No longer did I pine for my mother, but I died of surfeiting, fattened by too many banquets. Close to her couch she buried me so that ever in her dreams she might see my grave beside her bed.

¹ The sacrifice of Polyxena.

208.-ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΛΥΡΙΚΗΣ

Μνᾶμα τόδε φθιμένου μενεδαΐου εἴσατο Δᾶμις ἵππου, ἐπεὶ στέρνον τοῦδε δαφοινὸς ᾿Αρης τύψε· μέλαν δέ οἱ αἶμα ταλαυρίνου διὰ χρωτὸς ζέσσ', ἐπὶ δ' ἀργαλέα βῶλον ἔδευσε φονᾶ.

209.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Αὐτοῦ σοὶ παρ' ἄλωνι, δυηπαθèς ἐργάτα μύρμηξ, ἢρίον ἐκ βώλου διψάδος ἐκτισάμαν, ὅφρα σε καὶ φθίμενον Δηοῦς σταχυητρόφος αὐλαξ θέλγη, ἀροτραίη κείμενον ἐν θαλάμη.

210.—TOY AYTOY

Αρτι νεηγενέων σε, χελιδονί, μητέρα τέκνων, ἄρτι σε θάλπουσαν παίδας ὑπὸ πτέρυγι, ἀιξας ἔντοσθε νεοσσοκόμοιο καλιῆς νόσφισεν ἀδίνων τετραέλικτος ὄφις, καὶ σὲ κινυρομέναν ὁπότ' ἀθρόος ἣλθε δαίζων, ἤριπεν ἐσχαρίου λαβρὸν ἐπ' ἀσθμα πυρός. ὡς θάνεν ἢλιτοεργός· ἰδ' ὡς "Ηφαιστος ἀμύντωρ τὰν ἀπ' Ἐριχθονίου παιδὸς ἔσωσε γονάν.

211.--ΤΥΜΝΕΩ

Τῆδε τὸν ἐκ Μελίτης ἀργὸν κύνα φησὶν ὁ πέτρος ἔσχειν, Εὐμήλου πιστότατον φύλακα. Ταῦρόν μιν καλέεσκον, ὅτ' ἢν ἔτι· νῦν δὲ τὸ κείνου φθέγμα σιωπηραὶ νυκτὸς ἔχουσιν ὁδοί.

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208.—ANYTE

This tomb Damis built for his steadfast war-horse pierced through the breast by gory Ares. The black blood bubbled through his stubborn hide, and he drenched the earth in his sore death-pangs.

209.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

HERE by the threshing-floor, O ant, thou careworn toiler, I built for thee a grave-mound of thirsty clod, so that in death too thou mayest delight in the corn-bearing furrow of Demeter, as thou liest chambered in the earth the plough upturned.

210.—BY THE SAME

Just when thou hadst become the mother, swallow, of a new-born brood, just when thou first wast warming thy children under thy wings, a many-coiled serpent, darting into the nest where lay thy young, robbed thee of the fruit of thy womb. Then when with all his might he came to slay thee, too, as thou wast lamenting them, he fell into the greedy breath of the hearth-fire. So died he the deed undone. See how Hephaestus succoured and saved the race of his son Erichthonius.¹

211.—TYMNES

THE stone tells that it contains here the white Maltese dog, Eumelus' faithful guardian. They called him Bull while he still lived, but now the silent paths of night possess his voice.

¹ Procne, who was changed into a swallow, was the daughter of Erichthonius.

212.--ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

Αιθυίας, ξένε, τόνδε ποδηνέμου ἔννεπε τύμβον, τᾶς ποτ' ἐλαφρότατον χέρσος ἔθρεψε γόνυ πολλάκι 1 γὰρ νάεσσιν ἰσόδρομον ἄνυσε μᾶκος, ὄρνις ὅπως δολιχὰν ἐκπονέουσα τρίβον.

213.—APXIOT

Πρὶν μὲν ἐπὶ χλωροῖς ἐριθηλέος ἔρνεσι πεύκας ήμενος, ἡ σκιερᾶς ἀκροκόμου πίτυος, ἔκρεκες εὐτάρσοιο δι' ἰξύος ἀχέτα μολπὰν τέττιξ, οἰονόμοις τερπνότερον χέλυος. νῦν δέ σε, μυρμάκεσσιν ὑπ' εἰνοδίοισι δαμέντα, 'Αϊδος ἀπροϊδὴς ἀμφεκάλυψε μυχός. εἰ δ' ἐάλως, συγγνωστόν, ἐπεὶ καὶ κοίρανος ὕμνων Μαιονίδας γρίφοις ἰχθυβόλων ἔθανεν.

214.—TOY AYTOY

Οὐκέτι παφλάζοντα διαΐσσων βυθὸν ἄλμης δελφίς, πτοιήσεις εἰναλίων ἀγέλας, οὐδὲ πολυτρήτοιο μέλος καλάμοιο χορεύων ὑγρὸν ἀναρρίψεις ἄλμα παρὰ σκαφίσιν· οὐδὲ σύ γ', ἀφρηστά, Νηρηΐδας ὡς πρὶν ἀείρων νώτοις πορθμεύσεις Τηθύος εἰς πέρατα. ἢ γὰρ ἴσον πρηῶνι Μαλείης ὡς ἐκυκήθη, κῦμα πολυψάμμους ὦσέ σ' ἐπὶ ψαμάθους.

1 I write so: πολλαιs MS.

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212.—MNASALCAS

On a Mare

STRANGER, say that this is the tomb of windfooted Aethyia, a child of the dry land, lightest of limb; often toiling over the long course, she, like a bird, travelled as far as do the ships.

213.—ARCHIAS

ONCE, shrilling cicada, perched on the green branches of the luxuriant pine,² or of the shady domed stone-pine, thou didst play with thy delicately-winged back a tune dearer to shepherds than the music of the lyre. But now the unforeseen pit of Hades hides thee vanquished by the wayside ants. If thou wert overcome it is pardonable; for Maeonides, the lord of song, perished by the riddle of the fishermen.³

214.—By THE SAME

No longer, dolphin, darting through the bubbling brine, shalt thou startle the flocks of the deep, nor, dancing to the tune of the pierced reed, shalt thou throw up the sea beside the ships. No longer, foamer, shalt thou take the Nereids on thy back as of yore and carry them to the realms of Tethys; for the waves when they rose high as the headland of Malea drove thee on to the sandy beach.

² Pinus maritima. ³ See note to No. 1.

¹ i.e. like the sea-bird (αἰθυία) whose name she bore.

215.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

Οὐκέτι δὴ πλωτοῖσιν ἀγαλλόμενος πελάγεσσιν αὐχέν ἀναρρίψω βυσσόθεν ὀρνύμενος, οὐδὲ περὶ †σκαλάμοισι νεὼς περικαλλέα χείλη ποιφύσσω, τὰμᾳ τερπόμενος προτομᾳ· ἀλλά με πορφυρέα πόντου νοτὶς ὡσ ἐπὶ χέρσον, κεῖμαι δὲ †ραδινὰν τάνδε παρ' ἤιὄνα.

216.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Κύματα καὶ τρηχύς με κλύδων ἐπὶ χέρσον ἔσυρεν δελφῖνα, ξείνοις κοινὸν ὅραμα τύχης. ἀλλ' ἐπὶ μὲν γαίης ἐλέω τόπος· οἱ γὰρ ἰδόντες εὐθύ με πρὸς τύμβους ἔστεφον εὐσεβέες· νῦν δὲ τεκοῦσα θάλασσα διώλεσε. τίς παρὰ πόντω 5 πίστις, ὸς οὐδ' ἰδίης φείσατο συντροφίης;

217.—ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΑΔΟΥ

'Αρχεάνασσαν έχω, τὰν ἐκ Κολοφῶνος ἐταίραν, τὰς καὶ ἐπὶ ῥυτίδων ὁ γλυκὺς ἔζετ' Έρως. τὰ νέον ἥβης ἄνθος ἀποδρέψαντες ἐρασταὶ πρωτοβόλου, δι' ὅσης ἤλθετε πυρκαϊῆς.

218.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τὴν καὶ ἄμα χρυσῷ καὶ άλουργίδι καὶ σὺν Ἔρωτι θρυπτομένην, ἀπαλῆς Κύπριδος άβροτέραν Λαΐδ' ἔχω, πολιῆτιν άλιζώνοιο Κορίνθου, Πειρήνης λευκῶν φαιδροτέραν λιβάδων,

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215.—ANYTE

No longer exulting in the sea that carries me, shall I lift up my neck as I rush from the depths; no longer shall I snort round the decorated bows of the ship, proud of her figure-head, my image. But the dark sea-water threw me up on the land and here I lie by this narrow (?) beach.

216.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

The waves and rough surges drove me, the dolphin, on the land, a spectacle of misfortune for all strangers to look on. Yet on earth pity finds a place, for the men who saw me straightway in reverence decked me for my grave. But now the sea who bore me has destroyed me. What faith is there in the sea, that spared not even her own nursling?

217.—ASCLEPIADES

(A slightly different version is attributed by Athenaeus to Plato)

I HOLD Archeanassa the courtesan from Colophon even on whose wrinkles sweet Love sat. Ah, ye lovers, who plucked the fresh flowers of her youth in its first piercing brilliance, through what a fiery furnace did you pass!

218.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

I contain her who in Love's company luxuriated in gold and purple, more delicate than tender Cypris, Lais the citizen of sea-girt Corinth, brighter than the white waters of Pirene; that mortal Cytherea

τὴν θνητὴν Κυθέρειαν, ἐφ' ἢ μνηστῆρες ἀγαυοὶ πλείονες ἢ νύμφης εἴνεκα Τυνδαρίδος, δρεπτόμενοι χάριτάς τε καὶ ὡνητὴν ἀφροδίτην ἢς καὶ ὑπ' εὐωδει τύμβος ὄδωδε κρόκω, ἢς ἔτι κηώεντι μύρω τὸ διάβροχον ὀστεῦν, καὶ λιπαραὶ θυόεν ἀσθμα πνέουσι κόμαι· 10 ἢ ἔπι καλὸν ἄμυξε κατὰ ῥέθος ᾿Αφρογένεια, καὶ γοερὸν λύζων ἐστονάχησεν Ἔρως. εἰ δ' οὐ πάγκοινον δούλην θέτο κέρδεος εὐνήν, Ἑλλὰς ἄν, ὡς Ἑλένης, τῆσδ' ὕπερ ἔσχε πόνον.

219.—ΠΟΜΠΗΙΟΥ ΝΕΩΤΕΡΟΥ

Ή τὸ καλὸν και πᾶσιν ἐράσμιον ἀνθήσασα, ἡ μούνη Χαρίτων λείρια δρεψαμένη, οὐκέτι χρυσοχάλινον ὁρᾳ δρόμον ἠελίοιο Λαΐς, ἐκοιμήθη δ' ὕπνον ὀφειλόμενον, κώμους, καὶ τὰ νέων ζηλώματα, καὶ τὰ ποθεύντων κνίσματα, καὶ μύστην λύχνον ἀπειπαμένη.

220.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

"Ερπων εἰς Ἐφύρην τάφον ἔδρακον ἀμφὶ κέλευθον Λαΐδος ἀρχαίης, ὡς τὸ χάραγμα λέγει. δάκρυ δ' ἐπισπείσας, "Χαίροις, γύναι, ἐκ γὰρ ἀκουῆς οἰκτείρω σέ γ'," ἔφην, "ἣν πάρος οὐκ ἰδόμην. ἄ πόσον ἤιθέων νόον ἤκαχες ἀλλ' ἴδε, Λήθην ναίεις, ἀγλαΐην ἐν χθονὶ κατθεμένη."

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, i. p. 129.

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who had more noble suitors than the daughter of Tyndareus, all plucking her mercenary favours. Her very tomb smells of sweet-scented saffron; her bones are still soaked with fragrant ointment, and her anointed locks still breathe a perfume as of frankincense. For her Aphrodite tore her lovely cheeks, and sobbing Love groaned and wailed. Had she not made her bed the public slave of gain, Greece would have battled for her as for Helen.

219.—POMPEIUS THE YOUNGER

Lais, whose bloom was so lovely and delightful in the eyes of all, she who alone culled the lilies of the Graces, no longer looks on the course of the Sun's golden-bitted steeds, but sleeps the appointed sleep, having bid farewell to revelling and young men's rivalries and lovers' torments and the lamp her confidant.

220.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

On my way to Corinth I saw by the roadside the tomb of Lais of old time, so said the inscription; and shedding a tributary tear, I said "Hail, woman, for from report I pity thee whom I never saw. Ah, how didst thou vex the young men's minds! but look, thou dwellest in Lethe, having laid thy beauty in the earth."

221.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

'Ακμαιη πρὸς ἔρωτα καὶ ἡδέα Κύπριδος ἔργα,
Πατροφίλα, καυθοὺς τοὺς γλυκεροὺς ἔμυσας·
ἐσβέσθη δὲ τὰ φίλτρα τὰ κωτίλα, χώ μετ' ἀοιδῆς
ψαλμός, καὶ κυλίκων αἱ λαμυραὶ προπόσεις.
"Αδη δυσκίνητε, τί τὴν ἐπέραστον ἔταίρην
ἥρπασας; ἡ καὶ σὴν Κύπρις ἔμηνε φρένα;

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222.-ΦΙΛΟΔΗΜΟΥ

Ένθάδε τῆς τρυφερῆς μαλακὸν ῥέθος, ἐνθάδε κεῖται Τρυγόνιον, σαβακῶν ἄνθεμα σαλμακίδων ἢ καλύβη καὶ δοῦπος ἐνέπρεπεν, ἢ φιλοπαίγμων στωμυλίη, Μήτηρ ἢν ἐφίλησε θεῶν ἡ μούνη στέρξασα τὰ Κύπριδος ἡμιγυναίκων ¹ ὄργια, καὶ φίλτρων Λαίδος άψαμένη. φῦε κατὰ στήλης, ἱερὴ κόνι, τἢ φιλοβάκχω μὴ βάτον, ἀλλ' ἀπαλὰς λευκοίων κάλυκας.

223.—ΘΥΙΛΛΟΥ

Η κροτάλοις όρχηστρὶς 'Αρίστιον, ἡ περὶ πεύκας τῆ Κυβέλη πλοκάμους ῥίψαι ἐπισταμένη, ἡ λωτῷ κερόεντι φορουμένη, ἡ τρὶς ἐφεξῆς εἰδυῖ' ἀκρήτου χειλοποτεῖν κύλικας, ἐνθάδ' ὑπὸ πτελέαις ἀναπαύεται, οὐκέτ' ἔρωτι, οὐκέτι παννυχίδων τερπομένη καμάτοις. κῶμοι καὶ μανίαι, μέγα χαίρετε· κεῖθ' <ἰερὰ θρίξ>² ἡ τὸ πρὶν στεφάνων ἄνθεσι κρυπτομένη.

1 I write so: ἀμφὶ γυναικῶν MS. See Class. Rev. 1916, p. 48.

² I supply so. The verse is imperfect in the MS.

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221.—Anonymous

PATROPHILA, ripe for love and the sweet works of Cypris, thou hast closed thy gentle eyes; gone is the charm of thy prattle, gone thy singing and playing, and thy eager pledging of the cup. Inexorable Hades, why didst thou steal our loveable companion? Hath Cypris maddened thee too?

222.—PHILODEMUS

HERE lies the tender body of the tender being; here lies Trygonion 1 the ornament of the wanton band of the emasculated, he who was at home by the holy shrine of Rhea, amid the noise of music and the gay prattling throng, the darling of the Mother of the gods, he who alone among his effeminate fellows really loved the rites of Cypris, and whose charms came near those of Lais. Give birth, thou holy soil, round the grave-stone of the maenad not to brambles but to the soft petals of white violets.

223.—THYILLUS

The castanet dancer Aristion, who used to toss her hair among the pines in honour of Cybele, carried away by the music of the horned flute; she who could empty one upon the other three cups of untempered wine, rests here beneath the poplars, no more taking delight in love and the fatigue of the night-festivals. A long farewell to revels and frenzy! It lies low, the holy head that was covered erst by garlands of flowers.

¹ Little dove.

224.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είκοσι Καλλικράτεια καὶ ἐννέα τέκνα τεκοῦσα, οὐδ' ἐνὸς οὐδὲ μιῆς ἐδρακόμην θάνατον· ἀλλ' ἐκατὸν καὶ πέντε διηνυσάμην ἐνιαυτούς, σκίπωνι τρομερὰν οὐκ ἐπιθεῖσα χέρα.

225.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Ψήχει καὶ πέτρην ὁ πολὺς χρόνος, οὐδε σιδήρου φείδεται, ἀλλὰ μιἢ πάντ' ὀλέκει δρεπάνη· ὡς καὶ Λαέρταο τόδ' ἠρίον, ὃ σχεδὸν ἀκτῆς βαιὸν ἄπο, ψυχρῶν λείβεται ἐξ ὑετῶν. οὔνομα μὴν ἤρωος ἀεὶ νέον· οὐ γὰρ ἀοιδὰς ἀμβλύνειν αἰών, κὴν ἐθέλη, δύναται.

226.—ANAKPEONTOΣ THIOΥ

'Αβδήρων προθανόντα τὸν αἰνοβίην 'Αγάθωνα πᾶσ' ἐπὶ πυρκαϊῆς ἥδ' ἐβόησε πόλις.
οὕ τινα γὰρ τοιόνδε νέων ὁ φιλαίματος ''Αρης ἡνάρισεν στυγερῆς ἐν στροφάλιγγι μάχης.

227.---ΔΙΟΤΙΜΟΥ

Οὐδὲ λέων ως δεινὸς ἐν οὔρεσιν, ως ὁ Μίκωνος υίὸς Κριναγόρης ἐν σακέων πατάγφ.. εἰ δὲ κάλυμμ' ὀλίγον, μὴ μέμφεο· μικρὸς ὁ χῶρος, ἀλλ' ἄνδρας πολέμου τλήμονας οἶδε φέρειν.

228.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Αύτῷ καὶ τεκέεσσι γυναικί τε τύμβον ἔδειμεν 'Ανδροτίων' οὔπω δ' οὐδενός εἰμι τάφος. οὕτω καὶ μείναιμι πολὺν χρόνον' εἰ δ' ἄρα καὶ δεῖ, δεξαίμην ἐν ἐμοὶ τοὺς προτέρους προτέρους. Rendered by Ausonius, Epit. 37.

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224.—Anonymous

I, CALLICRATIA, bore nine and twenty children and did not witness the death of one, boy or girl; I lived to the age of a hundred and five without ever resting my trembling hand on a staff.

225.—Anonymous

TIME wears stone away and spares not iron, but with one sickle destroys all things that are. So this grave-mound of Laertes that is near the shore is being melted away by the cold rain. But the hero's name is ever young, for Time cannot, even if he will, make poesy dim.

226.—ANACREON OF TEOS

This whole city acclaimed Agathon, the doughty warrior, as he lay on the pyre after dying for Abdera; for Ares greedy of blood slew no other young man like to him in the whirlwind of the dreadful fight.

227.—DIOTIMUS

Nor even a lion is as terrible in the mountains, as was Mico's son Crinagoras in the clash of the shields. If this his covering be little, find no fault thereat; little is this land, but it bears men brave in war.

228.—Anonymous

Andromon built me for himself, his children and his wife. As yet I am no one's grave and so may I remain for long; but if it must be so, may I give earlier welcome to the earlier born.

229.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Τὰ Πιτάνα Θρασύβουλος ἐπ' ἀσπίδος ἤλυθεν ἄπνους, ἐπτὰ πρὸς ᾿Αργείων τραύματα δεξάμενος, δεικνὺς ἀντία πάντα· τὸν αίματόεντα δ' ὁ πρέσβυς παῖδ' ἐπὶ πυρκαϊὴν Τύννιχος εἶπε τιθείς· "Δειλοὶ κλαιέσθωσαν· ἐγὼ δὲ σέ, τέκνον, ἄδακρυς 5 θάψω, τὸν καὶ ἐμὸν καὶ Λακεδαιμόνιον."

230.—EPTKIOT KTZIKHNOT

'Ανίκ' ἀπὸ πτολέμου τρέσσαντά σε δέξατο μάτηρ, πάντα τὸν ὁπλιστὰν κόσμον ὀλωλεκότα, αὐτά τοι φονίαν, Δαμάτριε, αὐτίκα λόγχαν εἶπε διὰ πλατέων ἀσαμένα λαγόνων.
'' Κατθανε, μηδ' ἐχέτω Σπάρτα ψόγον οὐ γὰρ ἐκείνα 5 πμπλακεν, εἰ δειλοὺς τοὐμὸν ἔθρεψε γάλα."

231.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

' Ωδ' ὑπὲρ ' Αμβρακίας ὁ βοαδρόμος ἀσπίδ' ἀείρας τεθνάμεν ἡ φεύγειν είλετ' ' Αρισταγόρας, υίδς ὁ Θευπόμπου. μὴ θαῦμ' ἔχε· Δωρικὸς ἀνὴρ πατρίδος, οὐχ ἡβας ὀλλυμένας ἀλέγει.

232.—ANTIIIATPOΥ

Λύδιον οὖδας ἔχει τόδ' `Αμύντορα, παΐδα Φιλίππου, πολλὰ σιδηρείης χερσὶ θιγόντα μάχης· οὐδέ μιν ἀλγινόεσσα νόσος δόμον ἄγαγε Νυκτός, ἀλλ' ὅλετ' ἀμφ' ἐτάρῳ σχών κυκλόεσσαν ἴτυν.

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229.—DIOSCORIDES

Dead on his shield to Pitana came Thrasybulus, having received seven wounds from the Argives, exposing his whole front to them; and old Tynnichus, as he laid his son's blood-stained body on the pyre, said "Let cowards weep, but I will bury thee, my son, without a tear, thee who art both mine and Sparta's."

230.—ERYCIUS OF CYZICUS

Demetrius, when thy mother received thee after thy flight from the battle, all thy fine arms lost, herself she straightway drove the death-dealing spear through thy sturdy side, and said "Die and let Sparta bear no blame; it was no fault of hers if my milk reared cowards."

231.—DAMAGETUS

Thus for Ambracia's sake the warrior Aristagoras, son of Theopompus, holding his shield on high, chose death rather than flight. Wonder not thereat: a Dorian cares for his country, not for the loss of his young life.

232.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

This Lydian land holds Amyntor, Philip's son, whose hands were often busied with iron war. Him no painful disease led to the house of Night, but he perished holding his round shield over his comrade.

233.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Αίλιος, Αὐσονίης στρατιῆς πρόμος, ὁ χρυσέοισι στέμμασι σωρεύσας αὐχένας ὁπλοφόρους, νοῦσον ὅτ' εἰς ὑπάτην ἀλίσθανε τέρμα τ' ἄφυκτον εἶδεν, ἀριστείην †ἐμφανὲς εἰς ἰδίην· πῆξε δ' ὑπὸ σπλάγχνοισιν ἐὸν ξίφος, εἶπέ τε θνήσκων· "Αὐτὸς ἑκὼν ἐδάμην, μὴ νόσος εὖχος ἔχη."

234,—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Αἴλιος ὁ θρασύχειρ "Αρεος πρόμος, ὁ ψελιώσας αὐχένα χρυσοδέτοις ἐκ πολέμου στεφάνοις, τηξιμελεῖ νούσω κεκολουμένος, ἔδραμε θυμῷ ἐς προτέρην ἔργων ἄρσενα μαρτυρίην, ὅσε δ' ὑπὸ σπλάγχνοις πλατὺ φάσγανον, εν μόνον εἰπών ""Ανδρας "Αρης κτείνει, δειλοτέρους δὲ νόσος."

235.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ ΤΑΡΣΕΩΣ

Μὴ μέτρει Μάγνητι τὸ πηλίκου οὔνομα τύμβω, μηδὲ Θεμιστοκλέους ἔργα σε λαυθανέτω. τεκμαίρου Σαλαμῖνι καὶ όλκάσι τὸν φιλόπατριν γνώση δ' ἐκ τούτων μείζονα Κεκροπίης.

236.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Οὐχὶ Θεμιστοκλέους Μάγνης τάφος άλλὰ κέχωσμαι Έλλήνων φθονερῆς σῆμα κακοκρισίης.

¹ That this is the sense required is shown by the next epigram.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 233-236

233.—APOLLONIDES

ALLIUS, the Roman captain, whose armed neck was loaded with golden torques, when he fell into his last illness and saw the end was inevitable, was minded of 1 his own valour and driving his sword into his vitals, said as he was dying "I am vanquished of my own will, lest Disease boast of the deed."

234.—PHILIPPUS OF THESSALONICA

ALLIUS, the bold captain, whose neck was hung with the golden torques he had won in the wars, when crippled by wasting disease, ran back in his mind to the history of his past deeds of valour, and drove his sword into his vitals, saying but this: "Men perish by the sword, cowards by disease."

235.—DIODORUS OF TARSUS

MEASURE not by this Magnesian tomb the greatness of the name, nor forget the deeds of Themistocles. Judge of the patriot by Salamis and the ships, and thereby shalt thou find him greater than Athens herself.

236.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

I, this Magnesian tomb, am not that of Themistocles, but I was built as a record of the envious misjudgment of the Greeks.²

² The ashes of Themistocles were transferred from Magnesia to Athens. The lines are, however, somewhat obscure.

237.—ΑΛΦΕΙΟΥ ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΟΥ

Οὔρεά μευ καὶ πόντον ὑπὲρ τύμβοιο χάρασσε, καὶ μέσον ἀμφοτέρων μάρτυρα Λητοίδην, ἀενάων τε βαθὺν ποταμῶν ῥόον, οἴ ποτε ῥείθροις Ξέρξου μυριόναυν οὐχ ὑπέμειναν ᾿Αρην. ἔγγραφε καὶ Σαλαμῖνα, Θεμιστοκλέους ἵνα σῆμα κηρύσσει Μάγνης δῆμος ἀποφθιμένου.

238.—ΑΔΔΑΙΟΥ

'Ημαθίην δς πρώτος ἐς ''Αρεα βῆσα Φίλιππος, Αἰγαίην κεῖμαι βῶλον ἐφεσσάμενος, ῥέξας οἶ' οὔπω βασιλεὺς τὸ πρίν· εἰ δέ τις αὐχεῖ μεῖζον ἐμεῦ, καὶ τοῦθ' αἵματος ἡμετέρου.

239.—ΠΑΡΜΕΝΙΩΝΟΣ

Φθίσθαι 'Αλέξανδρον ψευδης φάτις, εἴπερ ἀληθης Φοίβος. ἀνικήτων ἄπτεται οὐδ' 'Αΐδης.

240.—ΑΔΔΑΙΟΥ

Τύμβον 'Αλεξάνδροιο Μακηδόνος ήν τις ἀείδη, ήπείρους κείνου σῆμα λέγ' ἀμφοτέρας.

241.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Μυρία σοι, Πτολεμαῖε, πατὴρ ἔπι, μυρία μάτηρ τειρομένα θαλεροὺς ἢκίσατο πλοκάμους πολλὰ τιθηνητὴρ ὀλοφύρατο, χερσὶν ἀμήσας ἀνδρομάχοις δνοφερὰν κρατὸς ὕπερθε κόνιν.

¹ The last line does not seem to me to have much meaning, if any, as it stands. We expect "that the Magnesians may duly honour the tomb."

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 237-241

237.—ALPHEIUS OF MITYLENE

Carve on my tomb the mountains and the sea, and midmost of both the sun as witness; yea, and the deep currents of the ever-flowing rivers, whose streams sufficed not for Xerxes' host of the thousand ships. Carve Salamis too, here where the Magnesian people proclaim the tomb of dead Themistocles.¹

238.—ADDAEUS

I, Philip, who first set the steps of Macedonia in the path of war, lie here clothed in the earth of Aegae. No king before me did such deeds, and if any have greater to boast of, it is because he is of my blood.²

239.—PARMENION

It is a lying report that Alexander is dead if Phoebus be true. Not even Hades can lay hand on the invincible.³

240.—ADDAEUS

Ir one would sing of the tomb of Alexander of Macedon, let him say that both continents are his monument.

241.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Again and again did thy father and mother, Ptolemy,⁴ defile their hair in their grief for thee; and long did thy tutor lament thee, gathering in his warlike hands the dark dust to scatter on his head

² This refers to Alexander.

³ Phoebus had proclaimed him invincible.

4 It is not certain which of the Egyptian princes this is.

ά μεγάλα δ΄ Αἴγυπτος έὰν ὼλόψατο χαίταν, καὶ πλατὺς Εὐρώπας ἐστονάχησε δόμος. καὶ δ΄ αὐτὰ διὰ πένθος ἀμαυρωθεῖσα Σελάνα ἄστρα καὶ οὐρανίας ἀτραπιτοὺς ἔλιπεν. ὅλεο γὰρ διὰ λοιμὸν ὅλας θοινήτορα χέρσου, πρὶν πατέρων νεαρῷ σκᾶπτρον έλεῖν παλάμα 10 οὐ δέ σε νὺξ ἐκ νυκτὸς ἐδέξατο· δὴ γὰρ ἄνακτας τοίους οὐκ ᾿Αἴδας, Ζεὺς δ΄ ἐς ϶Ολυμπον ἄγει.

242.--ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

Οίδε πάτραν, πολύδακρυν επ' αὐχένι δεσμὸν ἔχουσαν, ρυόμενοι, δνοφερὰν ἀμφεβάλοντο κόνιν· ἄρνυνται δ' ἀρετᾶς αἶνον μέγαν. ἀλλά τις ἀστῶν τούσδ' ἐσιδῶν θνάσκειν τλάτω ὑπὲρ πατρίδος.

243.--ΛΟΛΛΙΟΥ ΒΑΣΣΟΥ

Φωκίδι πὰρ πέτρη δέρκευ τάφον· εἰμὶ δ' ἐκείνων τῶν ποτὲ Μηδοφόνων μνᾶμα τριηκοσίων, οὶ Σπάρτας ἀπὸ γᾶς τηλοῦ πέσον, ἀμβλύναντες 'Αρεα καὶ Μῆδον καὶ Λακεδαιμόνιον. ἡν δ' ἐσορῆς ἐπ' ἐμεῖο †βοόστρυχον εἰκόνα θηρός, ἔννεπε· "Τοῦ ταγοῦ μνᾶμα Λεωνίδεω."

244.—ΓΑΙΤΟΥΛΙΚΟΥ

Δισσὰ τριηκοσίων τάδε φάσγανα θούριος "Αρης ἔσπασεν 'Αργείων καὶ Λακεδαιμονίων, ἔνθα μάχην ἔτλημεν ἀνάγγελον, ἄλλος ἐπ' ἄλλφ πίπτοντες Θυρέαι δ' ἦσαν ἄεθλα δορός.

¹ Sidon. ² i.e. a lion.

³ On the celebrated fight for Thyreae between three 136

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 242-244

Great Egypt tore her hair and the broad home of Europa 1 groaned aloud. The very moon was darkened by mourning and deserted the stars and her heavenly path. For thou didst perish by a pestilence that devastated all the land, before thou couldst grasp in thy young hand the sceptre of thy fathers. Yet night did not receive thee from night; for such princes are not led by Hades to his house, but by Zeus to Olympus.

242.—MNASALCAS

THESE men delivering their country from the tearful yoke that rested on her neck, clothed themselves in the dark dust. High praise win they by their valour, and let each citizen looking on them dare to die for his country.

243.—LOLLIUS BASSUS

Look on this tomb beside the Phocian rock. I am the monument of those three hundred who were slain by the Persians, who died far from Sparta, having dimmed the might of Media and Lacedaemon alike. As for the image of an ox-slaying (?) beast 2 say "It is the monument of the commander Leonidas."

244.—GAETULICUS

FIERCE Ares drew these our swords, the three hundred from Argos and as many from Sparta, there where we fought out the fight from which no messenger returned, falling dead one upon another. Thyreae was the prize of the battle.³

hundred Argives and as many Spartans. See Herod. i. 82, and Nos. 431, 432, below.

245.—TOY AYTOY

*Ω Χρόνε, παντοίων θνητοῖς πανεπίσκοπε δαῖμον, ἄγγελος ήμετέρων πᾶσι γενοῦ παθέων· ώς ἱερὰν σώζειν πειρώμενοι Ἑλλάδα χώρην, Βοιωτῶν κλεινοῖς θνήσκομεν ἐν δαπέδοις.

246.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Ἰσσοῦ ἐπὶ προμολῆσιν άλὸς παρὰ κῦμα Κιλίσσης ἄγριον αἱ Περσῶν κείμεθα μυριάδες, ἔργον ἸΑλεξάνδροιο Μακηδόνος, οἴ ποτ᾽ ἄνακτι Δαρείφ πυμάτην οἶμον ἐφεσπόμεθα.

247.—ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ

"Ακλαυστοι καὶ ἄθαπτοι, ὁδοιπόρε, τῷδ' ἐπὶ τύμβφ Θεσσαλίας τρισσαὶ κείμεθα μυριάδες, 'Ημαθίη μέγα πῆμα· τὸ δὲ θρασὺ κεῖνο Φιλίππου πνεῦμα θοῶν ἐλάφων ἄχετ' ἐλαφρότερον.

248.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Μυριάσιν ποτέ τηδε τριηκοσίαις εμάχοντο εκ Πελοποννάσου χιλιάδες τέτορες.

249. TOY AYTOY

'Ω ξεῖν', ἄγγειλον Λακεδαιμονίοις ὅτι τῆδε κείμεθα, τοῖς κείνων ῥήμασι πειθόμενοι. W. Lisle Bowles, in *The Greek Anthology* (Bohn), p. 14.

² On the Macedonians slain at the battle of Cynoscephalae

¹ Probably on the Greeks who fell at the battle of Chaeronea (B.C. 338).

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 245-249

245.—By THE SAME (?)

O Time, god who lookest upon all that befalls mortals, announce our fate to all, how striving to save the holy land of Hellas, we fell in the glorious Boeotian field.¹

246.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

On the promontory of Issus by the wild waves of the Cilician sea we lie, the many myriads of Persians who followed our King Darius on our last journey. Alexander's the Macedonian is the deed.

247.—ALCAEUS

UNWEPT, O wayfarer, unburied we lie on this Thessalian hillock, the thirty thousand, a great woe to Macedonia; and nimbler than fleet-footed deer, fled that dauntless spirit of Philip.²

248.—SIMONIDES

Four thousand from Peloponnesus once fought here with three millions.³

249.—By THE SAME

STRANGER, bear this message to the Spartans, that we lie here obedient to their laws.

(B.C. 197), where Philip V. was defeated by Flamininus. For the king's bitter retort see Book XVI. No. 26**.

* On the general monument of all the Greeks who fell at Thermopylae, No. 249 being on that of the Spartans.

250.—TOY AYTOY

'Ακμᾶς ἐστακυῖαν ἐπὶ ξυροῦ 'Ελλάδα πᾶσαν ταῖς αὐτῶν ψυχαῖς κείμεθα ῥυσάμενοι.

251.—TOY AYTOY

"Ασβεστον κλέος οίδε φίλη περὶ πατρίδι θέντες κυάνεον θανάτου ἀμφεβάλοντο νέφος. οὐδὲ τεθνᾶσι θανόντες, ἐπεί σφ' ἀρετὴ καθύπερθε κυδαίνουσ' ἀνάγει δώματος ἐξ 'Αΐδεω.

252.—ANTIПАТРОТ

Οἴδ' `Αίδαν στέρξαντες ἐνόπλιον, οὐχ, ἄπερ ἄλλοι, στάλαν, ἀλλ' ἀρετὰν ἀντ' ἀρετᾶς ἔλαχον.

253.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Εἰ τὸ καλῶς θνήσκειν ἀρετῆς μέρος ἐστὶ μέγιστον, ἡμῖν ἐκ πάντων τοῦτ' ἀπένειμε Τύχη. Ἑλλάδι γὰρ σπεύδοντες ἐλευθερίην περιθεῖναι κείμεθ' ἀγηράτφ χρώμενοι εὐλογίη.

254.—ΤόΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Χαίρετ' ἀριστῆες πολέμου μέγα κῦδος ἔχοντες, κοῦροι Αθηναίων, ἔξοχοι ἱπποσύνη, οἴ ποτε καλλιχόρου περί πατρίδος ἀλέσαθ' ἥβην πλείστοις Ἑλλήνων ἀντία μαρνάμενοι.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 250-254

250.—By THE SAME

WE lie here, having given our lives to save all Hellas when she stood on a razor's edge.¹

251.-By THE SAME

These men having clothed their dear country in inextinguishable glory, donned the dark cloud of death; and having died, yet they are not dead, for their valour's renown brings them up from the house of Hades.²

252.—ANTIPATER

These men who loved death in battle, got them no grave-stone like others, but valour for their valour.³

253.—SIMONIDES

If to die well be the chief part of virtue, Fortune granted this to us above all others; for striving to endue Hellas with freedom, we lie here possessed of praise that groweth not old.

254.—By THE SAME

HAIL, ye champions who won great glory in war, ye sons of Athens, excellent horsemen; who once for your country of fair dancing-floors lost your young lives, fighting against a great part of the Greeks.

¹ On the tonib of the Corinthians who fell at Salamis. The stone has been found.

³ This is probably on the Spartan dead at Plataea, No. 253 being on the Athenian dead.

* Possibly a statue of Virtue.

254A.—TOY AYTOY

Κρης γενεάν Βρόταχος Γορτύνιος ένθάδε κείμαι, οὐ κατὰ τοῦτ' ἐλθών, ἀλλὰ κατ' ἐμπορίην.

255.—ΑΙΣΧΥΛΟΥ

Κυανέη καὶ τούσδε μενέγχεας ἄλεσεν ἄνδρας Μοιρα, πολύρρηνον πατρίδα ρυομένους. ζωὸν δὲ φθιμένων πέλεται κλέος, οί ποτε γυίοις τλήμονες 'Οσσαίαν ἀμφιέσαντο κόνιν. C. Merivale, Collections from the Greek Anthology, 1833, p. 94.

256.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ

Οίδε ποτ' Αἰγαίοιο βαρύβρομον οἶδμα λιπόντες Ἐκβατάνων πεδίω κείμεθ' ἐνὶ μεσάτω. χαῖρε, κλυτή ποτε πατρὶς Ἐρέτρια· χαίρετ', 'Αθῆναι γείτονες Εὐβοίης· χαῖρε, θάλασσα φίλη. J. A. Symonds, the younger, Studies of the Greek Poets, vol. ii. p. 294.

257.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Παίδες 'Αθηναίων Περσών στρατὸν έξολέσαντες ήρκεσαν άργαλέην πατρίδι δουλοσύνην.

258.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Οίδε παρ' Εὐρυμέδοντά ποτ' ἀγλαὸν ὅλεσαν ἥβην μαρνάμενοι Μήδων τοξοφόρων προμάχοις αἰχμηταὶ πεζοί τε καὶ ὠκυπόρων ἐπὶ νηῶν·κάλλιστον δ' ἀρετῆς μνῆμ' ἔλιπον φθίμενοι.

J. H. Merivale, in Collections from the Greek Anthology, 1833, p. 66.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 254A-258

254A.—BY THE SAME

I, Brotachos, a Gortynian of Crete, lie here, where I came not for this end, but to trade.

255.—AESCHYLUS

DARK Fate likewise slew these staunch spearmen, defending their country rich in flocks. Living is the fame of the dead, who steadfast to the last lie clothed in the earth of Ossa.

256.—PLATO

LEAVING behind the sounding surge of the Aegean we lie on the midmost of the plains of Ecbatana. Farewell, Eretria, once our glorious country; farewell, Athens, the neighbour of Euboea; farewell, dear Sea.¹

257.—Anonymous

THE sons of Athens utterly destroying the army of the Persians repelled sore slavery from their country.

258.—SIMONIDES

These men once by the Eurymedon² lost their bright youth, fighting with the front ranks of the Median bowmen, both on foot and from the swift ships; and dying they left behind them the glorious record of their courage.

¹ On the Eretrians settled in Persia by Darius. See Herod. vi. 119.

In this battle Cimon defeated the Persians, B.C. 466.

259.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ

Εὐβοίης γένος ἐσμὲν Ἐρετρικόν, ἄγχι δὲ Σούσων κείμεθα φεῦ, γαίης ὅσσον ἀφ' ἡμετέρης.

L. Campbell, in G. R. Thomson's Selections from the Greek Anthology, p. 231.

260.—ΚΑΡΦΥΛΛΙΔΟΥ

Μη μέμψη παριών τὰ μνήματά μου, παροδίτα· οὐδὲν ἔχω θρήνων ἄξιον οὐδὲ θανών.

τέκνων τέκνα λέλοιπα· μιῆς ἀπέλαυσα γυναικὸς συγγήρου· τρισσοῖς παισὶν ἔδωκα γάμους,

έξ ὧν πολλάκι παίδας έμοις ένεκοίμισα κόλποις, οὐδενὸς οἰμώξας οὐ νόσον, οὐ θάνατον,

οί με κατασπείσαντες ἀπήμονα, τὸν γλυκὺν ὕπνον κοιμᾶσθαι, χώρην πέμψαν ἐπ' εὐσεβέων.

$261.-\Delta IOTIMO\Upsilon$

Τί πλέον εἰς ὧδῖνα πονεῖν, τί δὲ τέκνα τεκέσθαι, ἢ τέκοι εἰ μέλλει παιδὸς ὁρậν θάνατον; ἢϊθέφ γὰρ σῆμα Βιάνορι χεύατο μήτηρ· ἔπρεπε δ' ἐκ παιδὸς μητέρα τοῦδε τυχεῖν.

262.—ΘΕΟΚΡΙΤΟΥ ΒΟΥΚΟΛΙΚΟΥ

Αὐδήσει τὸ γράμμα τί σᾶμά τε καὶ τίς ὑπ' αὐτῷ. Γλαύκης εἰμὶ τάφος τῆς ὀνομαζομένης.

263.—ANAKPEONTOΣ THIOΥ

Καὶ σέ, Κλεηνορίδη, πόθυς ὅλεσε πατρίδος αἴης θαρσήσαντα Νότου λαίλαπι χειμερίη. ὅρη γάρ σε πέδησεν ἀνέγγυος: ὑγρὰ δὲ τὴν σὴν κύματ' ἀφ' ἱμερτὴν ἔκλυσεν ἡλικίην.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 259-263

259.—PLATO

WE are Eretrians from Euboea and we lie near Susa, alas! how far from our own land.1

260.—CARPHYLLIDES

Find no fault with my fate, traveller, in passing my tomb; not even in death have I aught that calls for mourning. I left children's children, I enjoyed the company of one wife who grew old together with me. I married my three children, and many children sprung from these unions I lulled to sleep on my lap, never grieving for the illness or loss of one. They all, pouring their libations on my grave, sent me off on a painless journey to the home of the pious dead to sleep the sweet sleep.

261.—DIOTIMUS

What profiteth it to labour in childbirth and bring forth children if she who bears them is to see them dead! So his mother built the tomb for her little Bianor, while he should have done this for his mother.

262.—THEOCRITUS

The writing will tell what tomb-stone is this and who lies under it. I am the tomb of famous Glauca.

263.—ANACREON

And thee too, Clenorides, homesickness drove to death when thou didst entrust thyself to the wintry blasts of the south wind. That faithless weather stayed thy journey and the wet seas washed out thy lovely youth.

264.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Εἴη ποντοπόρφ πλόος οὔριος: ον δ' ἄρ' ἀήτης, ώς ἐμέ, τοῖς ᾿Αΐδεω προσπελάση λιμέσιν, μεμφέσθω μὴ λαῖτμα κακόξενον, ἀλλ' ἔο τόλμαν, ὅστις ἀφ' ἡμετέρου πείσματ' ἔλυσε τάφου.

265.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ

Ναυηγοῦ τάφος εἰμί· ὁ δ' ἀντίον ἐστὶ γεωργοῦ· ώς άλὶ καὶ γαίη ξυνὸς ὕπεστ' ᾿Ατδης.

A. Esdaile, The Poetry Review, Sept. 1913.

266.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Ναυηγοῦ τάφος εἰμὶ Διοκλέος· οἱ δ' ἀνάγονται, φεῦ τόλμης, ἀπ' ἐμοῦ πείσματα λυσάμενοι.

267.—ΠΟΣΕΙΔΙΠΠΟΥ

Ναυτίλοι, ἐγγὺς άλὸς τί με θάπτετε; πολλὸν ἄνευθε χῶσαι ναυηγοῦ τλήμονα τύμβον ἔδει. φρίσσω κύματος ἦχον, ἐμὸν μόρον. ἀλλὰ καὶ οὕτως χαίρετε, Νικήτην οἵτινες οἰκτίρετε.

268.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ

Ναυηγόν με δέδορκας. δν οἰκτείρασα θάλασσα γυμνῶσαι πυμάτου φάρεος ἢδέσατο, ἄνθρωπος παλάμησιν ἀταρβήτοις μ' ἀπέδυσε, τόσσον ἄγος τόσσου κέρδεος ἀράμενος. κεῖνο καὶ ἐνδύσαιτο, καὶ εἰς 'Αἴδαο φέροιτο, καί μιν ἴδοι Μίνως τοὐμὸν ἔχοντα ῥάκος.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 264-268

264.—LEONIDAS

A good voyage to all who travel on the sea; but let him who looses his cable from my tomb, if the storm carries him like me to the haven of Hades, blame not the inhospitable deep, but his own daring.

265.—PLATO

I am the tomb of a shipwrecked man, and that opposite is the tomb of a husbandman. So death lies in wait for us alike on sea and land.

266.—LEONIDAS

I am the tomb of the shipwrecked Diocles. Out on the daring of those who start from here, loosing their cable from me!

267.—POSIDIPPUS

SAILORS, why do you bury me near the sea? Far away from it ye should have built the poor tomb of the shipwrecked man. I shudder at the noise of the waves my destroyers. Yet even so I wish you well for taking pity on Nicetas.

268.—PLATO

I whom ye look upon am a shipwrecked man. The sea pitied me, and was ashamed to bare me of my last vesture. It was a man who with fearless hands stripped me, burdening himself with so heavy a crime for so light a gain. Let him put it on and take it with him to Hades, and let Minos see him wearing my old coat.

269.—TOY AYTOY

Πλωτήρες, σώζοισθε καὶ εἰν άλὶ καὶ κατὰ γαῖαν· ἴστε δὲ ναυηγοῦ σῆμα παρερχόμενοι.

270.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Τούσδε ποτ' ἐκ Σπάρτας ἀκροθίνια Φοίβφ ἄγοντας ἐν πέλαγος, μία νύξ, ἐν σκάφος ἐκτέρισεν. Α. Esdaile, The Poetry Review, Sept. 1913.

271.--ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

"Ωφελε μηδ' ἐγένοντο θοαὶ νέες: οὐ γὰρ ὰν ἡμεῖς παῖδα Διοκλείδου Σώπολιν ἐστένομεν· νῦν δ' ὁ μὲν εἰν ἀλί που φέρεται νέκυς· ἀντὶ δ' ἐκείνοι οὔνομα καὶ κενεὸν σῆμα παρερχόμεθα.

H. C. Beeching, In a Garden, p. 95.

272.—TOY AYTOY

Νάξιος οὐκ ἐπὶ γῆς ἔθανεν Λύκος, ἀλλ' ἐνὶ πόντω ναῦν ἄμα καὶ ψυχὴν εἶδεν ἀπολλυμένην, ἔμπορος Αἰγίνηθεν ὅτ' ἔπλεε· χώ μὲν ἐν ὑγρῆ νεκρός· ἐγὼ δ' ἄλλως υὔνομα τύμβος ἔχων, κηρύσσω πανάληθες ἔπος τόδε· "Φεῦγε θαλάσση 5 συμμίσγειν Ἐρίφων, ναυτίλε, δυομένων."

273.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Εύρου με τρηχεία καὶ αἰπήεσσα καταιγίς, καὶ νύξ, καὶ δυοφερής κύματα πανδυσίης

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 269-273

269.-By THE SAME

Mariners, may ye be safe on sea and land; but know that this tomb ye are passing is a shipwrecked man's.

270.—SIMONIDES

THESE men, when bringing the firstfruits from Sparta to Phoebus, one sea, one night, one ship brought to the grave.

271.—CALLIMACHUS

Would that swift ships had never been, for then we should not be lamenting Sopolis the son of Dioclides. Now somewhere on the sea his corpse is tossing, and what we pass by here is not himself, but a name and an empty grave.

272.—By THE SAME

Lycus of Naxos died not on land, but in the sea he saw his ship and his life lost together, as he sailed from Aegina to trade. Now he is somewhere in the sea, a corpse, and I his tomb, bearing his idle name, proclaim this word of truth "Sailor, foregather not with the sea when the Kids are setting." 1

273. - LEONIDAS

THE fierce and sudden squall of the south-east wind, and the night and the waves that Orion at his dark

i.e. Middle of November.

ἔβλαψ' 'Ωρίωνος ἀπώλισθον δὲ βίοιο Κάλλαισχρος, Λιβυκοῦ μέσσα θέων πελάγευς. κἀγὰ μὲν πόντῳ δινεύμενος, ἰχθύσι κῦρμα, οἴχημαι ψεύστης δ' οὖτος ἔπεστι λίθος.

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274.—ΟΝΕΣΤΟΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΟΥ

Οὔνομα κηρύσσω Τιμοκλέος, εἰς ἄλα πικρὴν πάντη σκεπτομένη ποῦ ποτ' ἄρ' ἐστὶ νέκυς. alaî· τὸν δ' ἤδη φάγον ἰχθύες· ἡ δὲ περισσὴ πέτρος ἐγὼ τὸ μάτην γράμμα τορευθὲν ἔχω.

275.—ΓΑΙΤΟΥΛΙΚΟΥ

Α Πέλοπος νασος καὶ δύσπλοος ὅλεσε Κρήτα, καὶ Μαλέου τυφλαὶ καμπτομένου σπιλάδες Δ΄ μιδος ᾿Αστυδάμαντα Κυδώνιον. ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν ἤδη ἔπλησεν θηρῶν νηδύας εἰναλίων τὸν ψεύσταν δέ με τύμβον ἐπὶ χθονὶ θέντο. τί θαῦμα; Κρῆτες ὅπου ψεῦσται, καὶ Διός ἐστι τάφος.

276.—ΗΓΗΣΙΠΠΟΥ

Έξ άλὸς ἡμίβρωτον ἀνηνέγκαντο σαγηνεῖς ἄνδρα, πολύκλαυτον ναυτιλίης σκύβαλον κέρδεα δ' οὐκ ἐδίωξαν ἃ μὴ θέμις ἀλλὰ σὺν αὐτοῖς ἰχθύσι τῆδ' ὀλίγη θῆκαν ὑπὸ ψαμάθω. ὧ χθών, τὸν ναυηγὸν ἔχεις ὅλον ἀντὶ δὲ λοιπῆς σαρκὸς τοὺς σαρκῶν γευσαμένους ἐπέχεις.

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setting 1 arouses were my ruin, and I, Callaeschrus, glided out of life as I sailed the middle of the Libyan deep. I myself am lost, whirled hither and thither in the sea a prey to fishes, and it is a liar, this stone that rests on my grave.

274.—HONESTUS OF BYZANTIUM

I ANNOUNCE the name of Timocles and look round in every direction over the salt sea, wondering where his corpse may be. Alas! the fishes have devoured him ere this, and I, this useless stone, bear this idle writing carved on me.

275.—GAETULICUS

THE Peloponnesus and the perilous sea of Crete and the blind cliffs of Cape Malea when he was turning it were fatal to Astydamas son of Damis the Cydonian. Ere this he has gorged the bellies of sea monsters. But on the land they raised me his lying tomb. What wonder! since "Cretans are liars," and even Zeus has a tomb there.²

276.—HEGESIPPUS

The fishermen brought up from the sea in their net a half eaten man, a most mournful relic of some seavoyage. They sought not for unholy gain, but him and the fishes too they buried under this light coat of sand. Thou hast, O land, the whole of the ship-wrecked man, but instead of the rest of his flesh thou hast the fishes who fed on it.

¹ Early in November.

² He refers to some verses of Callimachus in his Hymn to Zeus (v. 8). "Cretans are always liars" was a proverb found also in the verse quoted by St. Paul (*Titus*, i. 12).

277.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Τίς, ξένος ὧ ναυηγέ; Λεόντιχος ἐνθάδε νεκρον εὖρέ σ' ἐπ' αἰγιαλοῦ, χῶσε δὲ τῷδε τάφω, δακρύσας ἐπίκηρον ἑον βίον· οὐδὲ γὰρ αὐτὸς ἤσυχος, αἰθυίῃ δ' ἶσα θαλασσοπορεῖ.

278.—APXIOT BYZANTIOT

Οὐδὲ νέκυς, ναυηγὸς ἐπὶ χθόνα Θῆρις ἐλασθεὶς κύμασιν, ἀγρύπνων λήσομαι ἢιονων. ἢ γὰρ ἀλιρρήκτοις ὑπὸ δειράσιν, ἀγχόθι πόντου δυσμενέος, ξείνου χερσὶν ἔκυρσα τάφου· αἰεὶ δὲ βρομέοντα καὶ ἐν νεκύεσσι θαλάσσης ὁ τλήμων ἀΐω δοῦπον ἀπεχθόμενον· μόχθων οὐδὶ ᾿Αἴδης με κατεύνασεν, ἡνίκα μοῦνος οὐδὲ θανὼν λείη κέκλιμαι ἡσυχίη.

A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 155.

279.—**ΑΔΗΛΟΝ**

Παῦσαι νηὸς ἐρετμὰ καὶ ἔμβολα τῷδ' ἐπὶ τύμβῷ αἰὲν ἐπὶ ψυχρῆ ζωγραφέων σποδιῆ. ναυηγοῦ τὸ μνῆμα. τί τῆς ἐνὶ κύμασι λώβης αὖθις ἀναμνῆσαι τὸμ κατὰ γῆς ἐθέλεις;

280.—ΙΣΙΔΩΡΟΥ ΑΙΓΕΑΤΟΥ

Τὸ χῶμα τύμβος ἐστίν· ἀλλὰ τὰ βόε ἐπίσχες οὖτος, τὰν ὕνιν τ' ἀνάσπασον· κινεῖς σποδὸν γάρ. ἐς δὲ τοιαύταν κόνιν μὴ σπέρμα πυρῶν, ἀλλὰ χεῦε δάκρυα.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 277-280

277.—CALLIMACHUS

Who art thou, shipwrecked stranger? Leontichus found thee here dead on the beach, and buried thee in this tomb, weeping for his own uncertain life; for he also rests not, but travels over the sea like a gull.

278.—ARCHIAS OF BYZANTIUM

Nor even now I am dead shall I, shipwrecked Theris, cast up on land by the waves, forget the sleepless surges. For here under the brine-beaten hill, near the sea my foe, a stranger made my grave; and, ever wretched that I am, even among the dead the hateful roar of the billows sounds in my ears. Not even Hades gave me rest from trouble, since I alone even in death cannot lie in unbroken repose.

279.—Anonymous

CEASE to paint ever on this tomb oars and the beaks of ships over my cold ashes. The tomb is a shipwrecked man's. Why wouldst thou remind him who is under earth of his disfigurement by the waves.

280.—ISIDORUS OF AEGAE

This hummock is a tomb; you there! hold in your oxen and pull up the ploughshare, for you are disturbing ashes. On such earth shed no seed of corn, but tears.

281.—ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΔΟΥ

. "Απισχ', ἄπισχε χεῖρας, ὧ γεωπόνε, μηδ' ἀμφίταμνε τὰν ἐν ἠρίφ κόνιν. αὐτὰ κέκλαυται βῶλος· ἐκ κεκλαυμένας δ' οὕτοι κομάτας ἀναθαλήσεται στάχυς.

282.-ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΟΥ

Ναυηγοῦ τάφος εἰμί· σὰ δὲ πλέε· καὶ γὰρ ὅθ' ἡμεῖς
ἀλλύμεθ', αἱ λοιπαὶ νῆες ἐποντοπόρουν.

H. Wellesley, in Anthologia Polyglotta, p. 300.

283.-ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Τετρηχυῖα θάλασσα, τί μ' οὐκ οἰζυρὰ παθόντα τηλόσ' ἀπὸ ψιλῆς ἔπτυσας ἢιόνος; ώς σεῦ μηδ' 'Αίδαο κακὴν ἐπιειμένος ἀχλὺν Φυλεὺς 'Αμφιμένευς ἀσσον ἐγειτόνεον.

284.—ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΑΔΟΥ

'Οκτώ μευ πήχεις ἄπεχε, τρηχεῖα θάλασσα, καὶ κύμαινε, βόα θ' ἡλίκα σοι δύναμις ἡν δὲ τὸν Εὐμάρεω καθέλης τάφον, ἄλλο μὲν οὐδὲν κρήγυον, εὑρήσεις δ', ὀστέα καὶ σποδιήν.

R. Garnett, A Chaplet from the Greek Anthology, cx.

285.—ΓΛΑΥΚΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΤΟΥ

Οὐ κόνις οὐδ' ὀλίγον πέτρης βάρος, ἀλλ' Ἐρασίππου ἢν ἐσορᾶς αὕτη πᾶσα θάλασσα τάφος· ἄλετο γὰρ σὺν νηt· τὰ δ' ὀστέα ποῦ ποτ' ἐκείνου πύθεται, αἰθυίαις γνωστὰ μόναις ἐνέπειν.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 281-285

281.—HERACLIDES

Hands off, hands off, labourer! and cut not through this earth of the tomb. This clod is soaked with tears, and from earth thus soaked no bearded ear shall spring.

282.—THEODORIDAS

I am the tomb of a shipwrecked man; but set sail, stranger; for when we were lost, the other ships voyaged on.

283.—LEONIDAS

Why, roaring sea, didst thou not cast me up, Phyleus, son of Amphimenes, when I came to a sad end, far away from the bare beach, so that even wrapped in the evil mist of Hades I might not be near to thee?

284.—ASCLEPIADES

KEEP off from me, thou fierce sea, eight cubits' space and swell and roar with all thy might. But if thou dost destroy the tomb of Eumares, naught shall it profit thee, for naught shalt thou find but bones and ashes.

285.—GLAUCUS OF NICOPOLIS

Nor this earth or this light stone that rests thereon is the tomb of Erasippus, but all this sea whereon thou lookest. For he perished along with his ship, and his bones are rotting somewhere, but where only the gulls can tell.

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286.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΟΥ

Δύσμορε Νικάνωρ, πολιφ μεμαραμμένε πόντω, κείσαι δη ξείνη γυμνός ἐπ' ηϊόνι, η σύ γε πρὸς πέτρησι· τὰ δ' ὅλβια κείνα μέλαθρα φροῦδα <καὶ ή> πάσης ἐλπὶς ὅλωλε Τύρου. οὐδέ τί σε κτεάνων ἐρρύσατο· φεῦ, ἐλεεινέ, ἄλεο μοχθήσας ἰχθύσι καὶ πελάγει.

287.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

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Καὶ νέκυν ἀπρήϋντος ἀνιήσει με θάλασσα Λῦσιν, ἐρημαίῃ κρυπτὸν ὑπὸ σπιλάδι, στρηνὲς ἀεὶ φωνεῦσα παρ' οὔατι, καὶ παρὰ κωφὸν σῆμα. τί μ', ὤνθρωποι, τῆδε παρωκίσατε, ἡ πνοιῆς χήρωσε τὸν οὐκ ἐπὶ φορτίδι νηὶ ἔμπορον, ἀλλ' ὀλίγης ναυτίλον εἰρεσίης θηκαμένη ναυηγόν; ὁ δ' ἐκ πόντοιο ματεύων ζωήν, ἐκ πόντου καὶ μόρον είλκυσάμην.

288.—TOY AYTOY

Οὐδετέρης ὅλος εἰμὶ θανὼν νέκυς, ἀλλὰ θάλασσα καὶ χθὼν τὴν ἀπ' ἐμεῦ μοῖραν ἔχουσιν ἴσην. σάρκα γὰρ ἐν πόντῳ φάγον ἰχθύες· ὀστέα δ' αὖτε βέβρασται ψυχρῆ΄ τῆδε παρ' ἤιὄνι.

289.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΟΣ

'Ανθέα τον ναυηγον έπι στήμα Πηνειοίο νυκτος ύπερ βαιης νηξάμενον σανίδος, μούνιος έκ θάμνοιο θορων λύκος, ἄσκοπον ἄνδρα, ἔκτανεν. ὧ γαίης κύματα πιστότερα.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 286-289

286.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

Unhappy Nicanor, wasted by the grey sea, thou liest naked on a strange beach or perchance near the rocks; gone from thee are thy rich halls, and the hope of all Tyre has perished. None of thy possessions saved thee; alas, poor wight, thou art dead and hast laboured but for the fishes and the sea.

287.—ANTIPATER

Even in death shall the unappeased sea vex me, Lysis, buried as I am beneath this desert rock, sounding ever harshly in my ears close to my deaf tomb. Why, O men, did ye lay me next to her who reft me of breath, who wrecked me not trading on a merchantman, but embarked on a little rowing-boat? From the sea I sought to gain my living, and from the sea I drew forth death.

288.—By THE SAME

I belong entirely to neither now I am dead, but sea and land possess an equal portion of me. My flesh the fishes ate in the sea, but my bones have been washed up on this cold beach.

289.—ANTIPATER OF MACEDONIA

When shipwrecked Antheus had swum ashore at night on a small plank to the mouth of the Peneus, a solitary wolf rushing from the thicket slew him off his guard. O waves less treacherous than the land!

290.—ΣΤΑΤΥΛΛΙΟΥ ΦΛΑΚΚΟΥ

Λαίλαπα καὶ μανίην ολοῆς προφυγόντα θαλάσσης ναυηγόν, Λιβυκαῖς κείμενον ἐν ψαμάθοις, οὐχ ἐκὰς ἢιόνων, πυμάτφ βεβαρημένον ὕπνφ, γυμνόν, ἀπὸ στυγερῆς ὡς κάμε ναυφθορίης, ἔκτανε λυγρὸς ἔχις. τί μάτην πρὸς κύματ' ἐμόχθει, τὴν ἐπὶ γῆς φεύγων μοῦραν ὀφειλομένην;

291.—ΞΕΝΟΚΡΙΤΟΥ ΡΟΔΙΟΥ

Χαῖταί σου στάζουσιν ἔθ' ἀλμυρά, δύσμορε κούρη, ναυηγέ, φθιμένης εἰν ἀλί, Λυσιδίκη. ἡ γάρ, ὀρινομένου πόντου, δείσασα θαλάσσης ὕβριν ὑπὲρ κοίλου δούρατος ἐξέπεσες. καὶ σὸν μὲν φωνεῖ τάφος οὔνομα, καὶ χθόνα Κύμην, δ ὀστέα δὲ ψυχρῷ κλύζετ' ἐπ' αἰγιαλῷ, πικρὸν 'Αριστομάχῷ γενέτη κακόν, ὅς σε κομίζων ἐς γάμον, οὔτε κόρην ἡγαγεν οὔτε νέκυν.

292.—ΘΕΩΝΟΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΣ

'Αλκυόσιν, Ληναίε, μέλεις τάχα· κωφὰ δὲ μήτηρ μύρεθ' ὑπὲρ κρυεροῦ δυρομένη σε τάφου.

293.—ΙΣΙΔΩΡΟΥ ΑΙΓΕΑΤΟΥ

Οὐ χεῖμα Νικόφημον, οὐκ ἄστρων δύσις ἀλὸς Λιβύσσης κύμασιν κατέκλυσεν· ἀλλ' ἐν γαλήνη, φεῦ τάλας, ἀνηνέμω πλόφ πεδηθείς, ἐφρύγη δίψευς ὅπο. καὶ τοῦτ' ἀήτεων ἔργον· ἄ πόσον κακὸν ναύταισιν ἡ πνέοντες ἡ μεμυκότες.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 290-293

290.—STATYLLIUS FLACCUS

The shipwrecked mariner had escaped the whirlwind and the fury of the deadly sea, and as he was lying on the Libyan sand not far from the beach, deep in his last sleep, naked and exhausted by the unhappy wreck, a baneful viper slew him. Why did he struggle with the waves in vain, escaping then the fate that was his lot on the land?

291.—XENOCRITUS OF RHODES

The salt sea still drips from thy locks, Lysidice, unhappy girl, shipwrecked and drowned. When the sea began to be disturbed, fearing its violence, thou didst fall from the hollow ship. The tomb proclaims thy name and that of thy land, Cyme, but thy bones are wave-washed on the cold beach. A bitter sorrow it was to thy father Aristomachus, who, escorting thee to thy marriage, brought there neither his daughter nor her corpse.

292.—THEON OF ALEXANDRIA

THE halcyons, perchance, care for thee, Lenaeus, but thy mother mourns for thee dumbly over thy cold tomb.

293.—ISIDORUS OF AEGAE

No tempest, no stormy setting of a constellation overwhelmed Nicophemus in the waters of the Libyan Sea. But alas, unhappy man! stayed by a calm he was burnt up by thirst. This too was the work of the winds. Ah, what a curse are they to sailors, whether they blow or be silent!

294.—ΤΥΛΛΙΟΥ ΛΑΥΡΕΑ

Γρυνέα τον πρέσβυν, τον άλιτρύτου ἀπο κύμβης ζώντα, τον ἀγκίστροις καὶ μογέοντα λίνοις, ἐκ δεινοῦ τρηχεῖα Νότου κατέδυσε θάλασσα, ἔβρασε δ' ἐς κροκάλην πρώϊον ἢιόνα, χεῖρας ἀποβρωθέντα. τίς οὐ νόον ἰχθύσιν εἴποι ἔμμεναι, οῦ μούνας, αἷς ὀλέκοντο, φάγον;

295.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΕΝΤΙΝΟΥ

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Θῆριν τὸν τριγέροντα, τὸν εὐάγρων ἀπὸ κύρτων ζῶντα, τὸν αἰθυίης πλείονα νηξάμενον, ἰχθυσιληϊστῆρα, σαγηνέα, χηραμοδύτην, οὐχὶ πολυσκάλμου πλώτορα ναυτιλίης, ἔμπης οὔτ' ᾿Αρκτοῦρος ἀπώλεσεν, οὔτε καταιγὶς ἤλασε τὰς πολλὰς τῶν ἐτέων δεκάδας ἀλλ' ἔθαν' ἐν καλύβη σχοινίτιδι, λύχνος ὁποῖα, τῷ μακρῷ σβεσθεὶς ἐν χρόνῳ αὐτόματος. σῆμα δὲ τοῦτ' οὐ παῖδες ἐφήρμοσαν, οὐδ' ὁμόλεκτρος, ἀλλὰ συνεργατίνης ἰχθυβόλων θίασος.

Α. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 168.

296.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΚΗΙΟΥ

'Εξ οὖ γ' Εὐρώπην 'Ασίας δίχα πόντος ἔνειμε, καὶ πόλεμον λαῶν θοῦρος 'Αρης ἐφέπει, οὐδαμά πω κάλλιον ἐπιχθονίων γένετ' ἀνδρῶν ἔργον ἐν ἠπείρω καὶ κατὰ πόντον ἄμα. οἴδε γὰρ ἐν Κύπρω Μήδων πολλοὺς ὀλέσαντες, Φοινίκων ἑκατὸν ναῦς ἔλον ἐν πελάγει ἀνδρῶν πληθούσας· μέγα δ' ἔστενεν 'Ασὶς ὑπ' αὐτῶν πληγεῖσ' ἀμφοτέραις χερσὶ κράτει πολέμου.

¹ i.e. the season of Arcturus' setting, September.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 294-296

294.—TULLIUS LAUREAS'

GRYNEUS, the old man who got his living by his sea-worn wherry, busying himself with lines and hooks, the sea, roused to fury by a terrible southerly gale, swamped and washed up in the morning on the beach, his hands eaten off. Who would say that they had no sense, the fish who ate just those parts of him by which they used to perish?

295.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

THERIS, the old man who got his living from his lucky weels, who rode on the sea more than a gull, the preyer on fishes, the seine-hauler, the prober of crevices in the rocks, who sailed on no many-oared ship, in spite of all owed not his end to Arcturus, nor did any tempest drive to death his many decades, but he died in his reed hut, going out like a lamp of his own accord owing to his length of years. This tomb was not set up by his children or wife, but by the guild of his fellow fishermen.

296.—SIMONIDES

Since the sea parted Europe from Asia, since fierce Ares directs the battles of nations, never was a more splendid deed of arms performed by mortals on land and on the sea at once. For these men after slaying many Medes in Cyprus, took a hundred Phoenician ships at sea with their crews. Asia groaned aloud, smitten with both hands by their triumphant might.²

² This is the epitaph of those who fell in Cimon's last campaign in Cyprus (B.c. 449).

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297.—ΠΟΛΥΣΤΡΑΤΟΥ

Τον μέγαν 'Ακροκόρινθου 'Αχαιϊκόν, Έλλάδος ἄστρον, καὶ διπλην 'Ισθμοῦ σύνδρομον ηϊόνα Λεύκιος ἐστυφέλιξε· δοριπτοίητα δὲ νεκρῶν ὀστέα σωρευθεὶς εἶς ἐπέχει σκόπελος. τοὺς δὲ δόμον Πριάμοιο πυρὶ πρήσαντας 'Αχαιοὺς δ ἀκλαύστους κτερέων νόσφισαν Αἰνεάδαι.

298.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Αλαῖ, τοῦτο κάκιστον, ὅταν κλαίωσι θανόντα νυμφίον ἡ νύμφην' ἡνίκα δ' ἀμφοτέρους, Εὖπολιν ὡς ἀγαθήν τε Λυκαίνιον, ὧν ὑμέναιον ἔσ βεσεν ἐν πρώτη νυκτὶ πεσὼν θάλαμος, οὐκ ἄλλφ τόδε κῆδος ἰσόρροπον, ὧ σὺ μὲν υίόν, Νῖκι, σὺ δ' ἔκλαυσας, Θεύδικε, θυγατέρα.

299.—NIKOMAXOT

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"Αδ' ἔσθ'—ᾶδε Πλάταια τί τοι λέγω;—ἄν ποτε σεισμὸς ἐλθὼν ἐξαπίνας κάββαλε πανσυδίη: λείφθη δ' αὖ μοῦνον τυτθὸν γένος οί δὲ θανόντες σᾶμ' ἐρατὰν πάτραν κείμεθ' ἐφεσσάμενοι.

300.-ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Ενθάδε Πυθώνακτα κασίγνητόν τε κέκευθεν γαΐ', ἐρατῆς ἥβης πρὶν τέλος ἄκρον ἰδεῖν. μνῆμα δ' ἀποφθιμένοισι πατὴρ Μεγάριστος ἔθηκεν ἀθάνατον θνητοῖς παισὶ χαριζόμενος.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 297-300

297.—POLYSTRATUS

Lucius 1 has smitten sore the great Achaean Acrocorinth, the star of Hellas, and the twin parallel shores of the Isthmus. One heap of stones covers the bones of those slain in the rout; and the sons of Aeneas left unwept and unhallowed by funeral rites the Achaeans who burnt the house of Priam.

298.—ANONYMOUS

Woe is me! this is the worst of all, when men weep for a bride or bridegroom dead; but worse when it is for both, as for Eupolis and good Lycaenion, whose chamber falling in on the first night extinguished their wedlock. There is no other mourning to equal this by which you, Nicis, bewailed your son, and you, Theodicus, your daughter.

299.—NICOMACHUS

This (why say I "this?") is that Plataea which a sudden earthquake tumbled down utterly: only a little remnant was left, and we, the dead, lie here with our beloved city laid on us for a monument.

300.—SIMONIDES

HERE the earth covers Pythonax and his brother, before they saw the prime of their lovely youth Their father, Megaristus, set up this monument to them dead, an immortal gift to his mortal sons

1 Mummius, who sacked Corinth 146 s.c.

301,-TOY AYTOY

Εὐκλέας αἶα κέκευθε, Λεωνίδα, οὶ μετὰ σεῖο τῆδ' ἔθανον, Σπάρτης εὐρυχόρου βασιλεῦ, πλείστων δὴ τόξων τε καὶ ἀκυπόδων σθένος ἵππων Μηδείων ἀνδρῶν δεξάμενοι πολέμφ.

302.—TOY AYTOY

Τῶν αὐτοῦ τις ἔκαστος ἀπολλυμένων ἀνιᾶται· Νικόδικον δὲ φίλοι καὶ πόλις ἥδε †πολή.

303.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τον μικρον Κλεόδημον ἔτι ζώοντα γάλακτι, ἔχνος ὑπὲρ τοίχων νηὸς ἐρεισάμενον, ὁ Θρήϊξ ἐτύμως Βορέης βάλεν εἰς ἀλὸς οἶδμα, κῦμα δ' ἀπὸ ψυχὴν ἔσβεσε νηπιάχου. Ἰνοῖ, ἀνοικτίρμων τις ἔφυς θεός, ἡ Μελικέρτεω ἥλικος οὐκ ᾿Αἴδην πικρὸν ἀπηλάσαο.

304.—ΠΕΙΣΑΝΔΡΟΥ ΡΟΔΙΟΥ

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'Ανδρὶ μὲν 'Ιππαίμων ὄνομ' ἢν, ἵππω δὲ Πόδαργος, καὶ κυνὶ Λήθαργος, καὶ θεράποντι Βάβης, Θεσσαλός, ἐκ Κρήτης, Μάγνης γένος, Αἴμονος υἱός· ἄλετο δ' ἐν προμάχοις ὀξὺν "Αρη συνάγων.

¹ This, on the Spartans who fell at Thermopylae, is doubtless not Simonides', but a later production.

² i.e. savage.

³ A real epitaph, it seems to me, very naïvely expressed.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 301-304

301.-By THE SAME 1

LEONIDAS, King of spacious Sparta, illustrious are they who died with thee and are buried here. They faced in battle with the Medes the force of multitudinous bows and of steeds fleet of foot.

302.—BY THE SAME

EVERY man grieves at the death of those near to him, but his friends and the city regret (?) Nicodicus.

303.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

When little Cleodemus, still living on milk, set his foot outside the edge of the ship, the truly Thracian² Boreas cast him into the swelling sea, and the waves put out the light of the baby's life. Ino, thou art a goddess who knowest not pity, since thou didst not avert bitter death from this child of the same age as thy Melicertes.

304.—PISANDER OF RHODES

The man's name was Hippmemon, the horse's Podargos, the dog's Lethargos, and the servingman's Babes, a Thessalian, from Crete, of Magnesian race, the son of Haemon. He perished fighting in the front ranks.³

Much fun was made of it in Antiquity, as the complicated description of the "état civil" of Hippaemon was maliciously interpreted as comprising the "état civil" of the animals.

305.—ΑΔΔΑΙΟΥ ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΟΥ

Ο γριπεὺς Διότιμος, ὁ κύμασιν ὁλκάδα πιστὴν κὴν χθονὶ τὴν αὐτὴν οἰκον ἔχων πενίης, νήγρετον ὑπνώσας ᾿Αἴδαν τὸν ἀμείλιχον ໂκτο αὐτερέτης, ἰδίη νηὶ κομιζόμενος ἢν γὰρ ἔχε ζωῆς παραμύθιον, ἔσχεν ὁ πρέσβυς καὶ φθίμενος πύματον πυρκαϊῆς ὄφελος.

306.--ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

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'Αβρότονον Θρήϊσσα γυνη πέλον· ἀλλὰ τεκέσθαι τον μέγαν "Ελλησιν φημί Θεμιστοκλέα.

307.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

- α. Οὔνομά μοι. β. Τί δὲ τοῦτο; α. Πατρὶς δέ μοι.
 β. Ἐς τί δὲ τοῦτο;
- α. Κλεινοῦ δ' εἰμὶ γένους. β. Εἰ γὰρ ἀφαυροτάτου; α. Ζήσας δ' ἐνδόξως ἔλιπου βίου. β. Εἰ γὰρ ἀδόξως;
 - α. Κείμαι δ' ενθάδε νῦν. β. Τίς τίνι ταῦτα λέγεις;
- W. Cowper, Works (Globe ed.), p. 498; J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, i. p. 119.

308.—AOTKIANOT

Παιδά με πενταέτηρον, ἀκηδέα θυμὸν ἔχοντα, νηλειὴς ᾿Αίδης ἥρπασε Καλλίμαχον. ἀλλά με μὴ κλαίοις καὶ γὰρ βιότοιο μετέσχον παύρου, καὶ παύρων τῶν βιότοιο κακῶν.

W. Headlam, A Book of Greek Verse, p. 259.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 305-308

305.—ADDAEUS OF MITYLENE

The fisherman, Diotimus, whose boat, one and the same, was his faithful bearer at sea and on land the abode of his penury, fell into the sleep from which there is no awakening, and rowing himself, came to relentless Hades in his own ship; for the boat that had supported the old man in life paid him its last service in death too by being the wood for his pyre.

306.—Anonymous

I was Abrotonon, a Thracian woman; but I say that I bare for Greece her great Themistocles.

307.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

A. "My name is ——" B. "What does it matter?" A. "My country is ——" B. "And what does that matter?" A. "I am of noble race." B. "And if you were of the very dregs?" A. "I quitted life with a good reputation." B. "And had it been a bad one?" A. "And I now lie here." B. "Who are you and to whom are you telling this?"

308.—LUCIANUS

My name is Callimachus, and pitiless Hades carried me off when I was five years old and knew not care. Yet weep not for me; but a small share of life was mine and a small share of life's evil.

309.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έξηκοντούτης Διονύσιος ένθάδε κείμαι, Ταρσεύς, μη γήμας· αἴθε δε μηδ' ο πατήρ. Alma Strettell, in G. R. Thomson, Selections from the Greek Anthology, p. 48.

310.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Θάψεν ὅ με κτείνας κρύπτων φόνον εἰ δέ με τύμβφ δωρεῖται, τοίης ἀντιτύχοι χάριτος.

311.-ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Είς τὴν γυναῖκα Λώτ

'Ο τύμβος οὖτος ἔνδον οὐκ ἔχει νεκρόν ὁ νεκρὸς οὖτος ἐκτὸς οὖκ ἔχει τάφον, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς αὐτοῦ νεκρός ἐστι καὶ τάφος.

312.—ΑΣΙΝΙΟΥ ΚΟΥΑΔΡΑΤΟΥ

Εἰς τοὺς ἀναιρεθέντας ὑπὸ τοῦ τῶν Ῥωμαίων ὑπάτου Σύλα

Οἱ πρὸς Ῥωμαίους δεινὸν στήσαντες Ἄρηα κεῖνται, ἀριστείης σύμβολα δεικνύμενοι οὐ γάρ τις μετὰ νῶτι τυπεὶς θάνεν, ἀλλ' ἄμα πάντες ὥλοντο κρυφίω καὶ δολερῷ θανάτω.

313.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είς Τίμωνα τὸν μισάνθρωπον

'Ενθάδ' ἀπορρήξας ψυχὴν βαρυδαίμονα κεῖμαι· τοὔνομα δ' οὐ πεύσεσθε, κακοὶ δὲ κακῶς ἀπόλοισθε. 168

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 309-313

309.—Anonymous

I, Dionysius, lie here, sixty years old. I am of Tarsus; I never married and I wish my father never had.

310.—Anonymous

My murderer buried me, hiding his crime: since he gives me a tomb, may he meet with the same kindness as he shewed me.

311.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

On Lot's Wife

This tomb has no corpse inside it; this corpse has no tomb outside it, but it is its own corpse and tomb.

312.—ASINIUS QUADRATUS

On those slain by Sulla

They who took up arms against the Romans lie exhibiting the tokens of their valour. Not one died wounded in the back, but all alike perished by a secret treacherous death.

313.—Anonymous

On Timon the Misanthrope

HERE I lie, having broken away from my luckless soul. My name ye shall not learn, and may ye come, bad men, to a bad end.

314.—ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα

Μὴ πόθεν εἰμὶ μάθης, μηδ' οὔνομα πλὴν ὅτι θνήσκειν τοὺς παρ' ἐμὴν στήλην ἐρχομένους ἐθέλω.

315.—ZHNOAOTOT, oi δè PIANOT

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα

Τρηχείαν κατ' έμεῦ, ψαφαρὴ κόνι, ἡάμνον έλίσσοις πάντοθεν, ἢ σκολιῆς ἄγρια κῶλα βάτου, ὡς ἐπ' ἐμοὶ μηδ' ὄρνις ἐν εἴαρι κοῦφον ἐρείδοι ἔχνος, ἐρημάζω δ' ἤσυχα κεκλιμένος. ἢ γὰρ ὁ μισάνθρωπος, ὁ μηδ' ἀστοῖσι φιληθεὶς Τίμων οὐδ' ᾿Αἴδῃ γνήσιός εἰμι νέκυς.

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316.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ή ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν ὁμοίως

Τὴν ἐπ' ἐμεῦ στήλην παραμείβεο, μήτε με χαίρειν εἰπών, μήθ' ὅστις, μὴ τίνος ἐξετάσας ἡ μὴ τὴν ἀνύεις τελέσαις ὁδόν ἡν δὲ παρέλθης σιγή, μηδ' οὕτως ἡν ἀνύεις τελέσαις.

317.-ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα

α. Τίμων (οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' ἐσσί), τί τοι, σκότος ἡ φάος, ἐχθρόν;
 β. Τὸ σκότος ὑμέων γὰρ πλείονες εἰν 'Αίδη.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 314-317

(314-320 are on the Same)

314.—PTOLEMAEUS

LEARN not whence I am nor my name; know only that I wish those who pass my monument to die.

315.—ZENODOTUS OR RHIANUS

Day earth, grow a prickly thorn to twine all round me, or the wild branches of a twisting bramble, that not even a bird in spring may rest its light foot on me, but that I may repose in peace and solitude. For I, the misanthrope, Timon, who was not even beloved by my countrymen, am no genuine dead man even in Hades.¹

316.—LEONIDAS OR ANTIPATER

Pass by my monument, neither greeting me, nor asking who I am and whose son. Otherwise mayst thou never reach the end of the journey thou art on, and if thou passest by in silence, not even then mayst thou reach the journey's end.

317.—CALLIMACHUS

"Timon—for thou art no more—which is most hateful to thee, darkness or light?" "Darkness; there are more of you in Hades."

¹ I cannot be regarded as a real citizen of Hades, being the enemy of my fellow ghosts.

318.—TOY AYTOY

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα

Μὴ χαίρειν εἴπης με, κακὸν κέαρ, ἀλλὰ πάρελθε ἴσον ἐμοὶ χαίρειν ἐστὶ τὸ μὴ σὲ πελậν.

319.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα

Καὶ νέκυς ὧν Τίμων ἄγριος· σὺ δέ γ', ὧ πυλαωρὲ Πλούτωνος, τάρβει, Κέρβερε, μή σε δάκη.

320.—ΗΓΗΣΙΠΠΟΥ

Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Τίμωνα μισέλληνα

'Οξείαι πάντη περὶ τὸν τάφον εἰσὶν ἄκανθαι καὶ σκόλοπες· βλάψεις τοὺς πόδας, ἡν προσίης· Τίμων μισάνθρωπος ἐνοικέω· ἀλλὰ πάρελθε, οἰμώζειν εἴπας πολλά, πάρελθε μόνον.

321.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Γαΐα φίλη, τὸν πρέσβυν 'Αμύντιχον ἔνθεο κόλποις, πολλῶν μνησαμένη τῶν ἐπὶ σοὶ καμάτων. καὶ γὰρ ἀειπέταλόν σοι ἐνεστήριξεν ἐλαίην πολλάκι, καὶ Βρομίου κλήμασιν ἠγλάϊσεν, καὶ Δηοῦς ἔπλησε, καὶ δδατος αὔλακας ἕλκων θῆκε μὲν εὐλάχανον, θῆκε δ' ἀπωροφόρον. ἀνθ' ὧν σὰ πρηεῖα κατὰ κροτάφου πολιοῖο κεῖσο, καὶ εἰαρινὰς ἀνθοκόμει βοτάνας.

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322.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Κνωσίου Ἰδομενῆος δρα τάφον· αὐτὰρ ἐγώ τοι πλησίον ἴδρυμαι Μηριόνης ὁ Μόλου.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 318-322

318.—By THE SAME (?)

Wish me not well, thou evil-hearted, but pass on. It is the same as if it were well with me if I get rid of thy company.

319.—Anonymous

Timon is savage even now he is dead. Cerberus, door-keeper of Pluto, take care he doesn't bite you.

320.—HEGESIPPUS

ALL around the tomb are sharp thorns and stakes; you will hurt your feet if you go near. I, Timon the misanthrope, dwell in it. But pass on—wish me all evil if you like, only pass on.

321.—Anonymous

Dear Earth, receive old Amyntichus in thy bosom, mindful of all his toil for thee. Many an evergreen olive he planted in thee and with the vines of Bacchus he decked thee; he caused thee to abound in corn, and guiding the water in channels he made thee rich in pot-herbs and fruit. Therefore lie gently on his grey temples and clothe thee with many flowers in spring.

322.—Anonymous

LOOK on the tomb of Cnossian Idomeneus, and I, Meriones the son of Molos, have mine hard by.

323.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είς δύ ἀδελφειοὺς ἐπέχει τάφος: ἐν γὰρ ἐπέσχον ἡμαρ καὶ γενεῆς οἱ δύο καὶ θανάτου.

324.--ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

"Αδ' έγω ά περίβωτος ύπο πλακὶ τῆδε τέθαμμαι, μούνω ένὶ ζωναν ἀνέρι λυσαμένα.

325.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είς τὸν Σαρδανάπαλλον

Τόσσ' ἔχω ὅσσ' ἔφαγον καὶ ἔπιον, καὶ μετ' ἐρώτων τέρπν' ἔδάην· τὰ δὲ πολλὰ καὶ ὅλβια πάντα λέλειπται.

326.--ΚΡΑΤΗΤΟΣ ΘΗΒΑΙΟΥ

Ταῦτ' ἔχω ὅσσ' ἔμαθον καὶ ἐφρόντισα, καὶ μετὰ Μουσῶν σέμν' ἐδάην· τὰ δὲ πολλὰ καὶ ὅλβια τῦφος ἔμαρψεν.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, ii. p. 13.

327.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είς Κάσανδρον τον ώραιον εν Λαρίσση κείμενον

Μὴ σύγε θνητὸς ἐων ως ἀθάνατός τι λογίζου·
οὐδὲν γὰρ βιότου πιστὸν ἐφημερίοις,
εἰ καὶ τόνδε Κάσανδρον ἔχει σορὸς ἥδε θανόντα,
ἄνθρωπον φύσεως ἄξιον ἀθανάτου.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 323-327

323.—Anonymous

ONE tomb holds two brothers, for both were born and died on the same day.

324.—Anonymous

BENEATH this stone I lie, the celebrated woman who loosed my zone to one man alone.

325.—Anonymous

On Sardanapallus

I HAVE all I ate and drank and the delightful things I learnt with the Loves, but all my many and rich possessions I left behind.

326.—CRATES OF THEBES

I HAVE all I got by study and by thought and the grave things I learnt with the Muses, but all my many and rich possessions Vanity seized on.

327.—Anonymous

On Casandros the beautiful, buried at Larissa

Do not thou, being mortal, reckon on anything as if thou wert immortal, for nothing in life is certain for men, the children of a day. See how this sarcophagus holds Casandros dead, a man worthy of an immortal nature.

328.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Τίς λίθος οὐκ ἐδάκρυσε, σέθεν φθιμένοιο, Κάσανδρε; τίς πέτρος, δς τῆς σῆς λήσεται ἀγλαίης; ἀλλά σε νηλειὴς καὶ βάσκανος ἄλεσε δαίμων ἡλικίην ὀλίγην εἴκοσιν εξ ἐτέων, δς χήρην ἄλοχον θῆκεν, μογερούς τε τοκῆας 5 γηραλέους, στυγερώ πένθεϊ τειρομένους.

329.—AAAO

Μυρτάδα τὴν ἱεραῖς με Διωνύσου παρὰ ληνοῖς ἄφθονον ἀκρήτου σπασσαμένην κύλικα, οὐ κεύθει φθιμένην βαιὴ κόνις· ἀλλὰ πίθος μοι, σύμβολον εὐφροσύνης, τερπνὸς ἔπεστι τάφος.

330.—AAAO

Έν τῷ Δορυλαίφ

Τὴν σορόν, ἡν ἐσορᾳς, ζῶν Μάξιμος αὐτὸς ἑαυτῷ θῆκεν, ὅπως ναίῃ παυσάμενος βιότου· σύν τε, γυναικὶ Καληποδίῃ τεῦξεν τόδε σῆμα, ὡς ἵνα τὴν στοργὴν κὴν φθιμένοισιν ἔχοι.

331.— AAAO

Είς ηρακα έν Φρυγία

Τύμβον έμολ τοῦτον γαμέτης δωρήσατο Φρούρης, ἄξιον ήμετέρης εὐσεβίης στέφανον· λείπω δ' ἐν θαλάμοις γαμέτου χορὸν εὐκλέα παίδων, πιστὸν ἐμοῦ βιότου μάρτυρα σωφροσύνης. μουνόγαμος θνήσκω, δέκα δ' ἐν ζωοῦσιν ἔτι ζῶ, 5 νυμφικὸν εὐτεκνίης καρπὸν ἀειραμένη.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 328-331

328.—Anonymous

On the Same

What stone did not shed tears at thy death, Casandros, what rock shall forget thy beauty? But the merciless and envious demon slew thee aged only six and twenty, widowing thy wife and thy afflicted old parents, worn by hateful mourning.

329.—Anonymous

I am Myrtas who quaffed many a generous cup of unwatered wine beside the holy vats of Dionysus, and no light layer of earth covers me, but a wine-jar, the token of my merrymaking, rests on me, a pleasant tomb.

330.—Anonymous

In Dorylaeum

The sarcophagus that you see was set here by Maximus during his life for himself to inhabit after his death. He made this monument too for his wife Calepodia, that thus among the dead too he might have her love.

331.—Ananymous

At Oraca in Phrygia

This tomb was given me by my husband Phroures, a reward worthy of my piety. In my husband's house I leave a fair-famed company of children, to bear faithful testimony to my virtue. I die the wife of one husband, and still live in ten living beings, having enjoyed the fruit of prolific wedlock.

332.—AAAO

Eis 'Ακμονίαν

Αἰνόμορον Βάκχη με κατέκτανε θηροτρόφον πρίν, οὐ κρίσει ἐν σταδίοις, γυμνασίαις δὲ κλυταῖς.

333.—AAAO

Είς 'Αδριανούς έν Φρυγία

Μηδὲ καταχθονίοις μετὰ δαίμοσιν ἄμμορος εἴης ἡμετέρων δώρων, ὧν σ' ἐπέοικε τυχεῖν, ἀμμία, οὕνεκα Νικόμαχος θυγάτηρ τε Διώνη τύμβον καὶ στήλην σὴν ἐθέμεσθα χάριν.

334.—АЛЛО

Ευρέθη εν Κυζίκφ

Νηλεὲς ὧ δαΐμον, τί δέ μοι καὶ φέγγος ἔδειξας εἰς ὀλίγων ἐτέων μέτρα μινυνθάδια; ἢ ἵνα λυπήσης δι' ἐμὴν βιότοιο τελευτὴν μητέρα δειλαίην δάκρυσι καὶ στοναχαῖς, ἢ μ' ἔτεχ', ἢ μ' ἀτίτηλε, καὶ ἢ πολὺ μείζονα πατρὸς 5 φροντίδα παιδείης ἤνὖσεν ἡμετέρης; ὃς μὲν γὰρ τυτθόν τε καὶ ὀρφανὸν ἐν μεγάροισι κάλλιπεν· ἡ δ' ἐπ' ἐμοὶ πάντας ἔτλη καμάτους. ἢ μὲν ἐμοὶ φίλον ἢεν ἐφὶ ἀγνῶν ἡγεμονήων ἐμπρεπέμεν μύθοις ἀμφὶ δικασπολίας· 10 ἀλλά μοι οὐ γενύων ὑπεδέξατο κούριμον ἄνθος ἡλικίης ἐρατῆς, οὐ γάμον, οὐ δαΐδας·

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 332-334

332.—Anonymous

At Acmonia

I had an unhappy end, for I was a rearer of animals and Bacche slew me, not in a race on the course, but during the training for which I was renowned.¹

333.—Anonymous

At Hadriani in Phrygia

MOTHER, not even there with the infernal deities shouldest thou be without a share of the gifts it is meet we should give thee. Therefore have I, Nicomachus, and thy daughter Dione erected this tomb and pillar for thy sake.

334.—Anonymous

Found at Cyzicus

CRUEL fate, why didst thou show me the light for the brief measure of a few years? Was it to vex my unhappy mother with tears and lamentations owing to my death? She it was who bore me and reared me and took much more pains than my father in my education. For he left me an orphan in his house when I was but a tiny child, but she toiled all she could for my sake. My desire was to distinguish myself in speaking in the courts before our righteous magistrates, but it did not fall to her to welcome the first down on my chin, herald of lovely prime, nor my marriage torches; she never sang the solemn bridal hymn for

¹ Bacche must have been a mare which somehow killed him while being trained. 179

ούχ ύμέναιον ἄεισε περικλυτόν, οὐ τέκος εἶδε, δύσποτμος, ἐκ γενεῆς λείψανον ἡμετέρης, τῆς πολυθρηνήτου· λυπεῖ δέ με καὶ τεθνεῶτα μητρὸς Πωλίττης πένθος ἀεξόμενον, Φρόντωνος γοεραῖς ἐπὶ φροντίσιν, ἢ τέκε παῖδα ἀκύμορον, κενεὸν χάρμα φίλης πατρίδος.

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335.—АЛЛО

- α. Πώλιττα, τληθι πένθος, εὔνασον δάκρυ.
 πολλαὶ θανόντας εἶδον υἱεῖς μητέρες.
- β. 'Αλλ' οὐ τοιούτους τὸν τρόπον καὶ τὸν βίον, οὐ μητέρων σέβοντας ἡδίστην θέαν.
- a. Τί περισσὰ θρηνεῖς; τί δὲ μάτην ὀδύρεαι; εἰς κοινὸν "Αδην πάντες ήξουσι βροτοί.

336.—AAAO

Γήραϊ καὶ πενίη τετρυμένος, οὐδ' ὀρέγοντος οὐδενὸς ἀνθρώπου δυστυχίης ἔρανον, τοῖς τρομεροῖς κώλοισιν ὑπήλυθον ἠρέμα τύμβον, εὐρὼν οἰζυροῦ τέρμα μόλις βιότου. ἠλλάχθη δ' ἐπ' ἐμοὶ νεκύων νόμος οὐ γὰρ ἔθνησκον πρῶτον, ἔπειτ' ἐτάφην ἀλλὰ ταφεὶς ἔθανον.

337.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Μή με θοῶς, κύδιστε, παρέρχεο τύμβον, δδῖτα, σοῖσιν ἀκοιμήτοις ποσσί, κελευθοπόρε δερκόμενος δ' ἐρέεινε, τίς ἡ πόθεν; 'Αρμονίαν γὰρ γνώσεαι, ἡς γενεὴ λάμπεται ἐν Μεγάροις· 180

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me, nor looked, poor woman, upon a child of mine who would keep the memory of our lamented race alive. Yea, even in death it grieves me sore, the ever-growing sorrow of my mother Politta as she mourns and thinks of her Fronto, she who bore him short-lived, an empty delight of our dear country.

335.—Anonymous

A. "Politta, support thy grief and still thy tears; many mothers have seen their sons dead." B. "But not such as he was in character and life, not so reverencing their mother's dearest face." A. "Why mourn in vain, why this idle lamentation? All men shall come to Hades."

336.—Anonymous

Worn by age and poverty, no one stretching out his hand to relieve my misery, on my tottering legs I went slowly to my grave, scarce able to reach the end of my wretched life. In my case the law of death was reversed, for I did not die first to be then buried, but I died after my burial.

337.—Anonymous

Do not, most noble wayfarer, pass by the tomb hurrying on thy way with tireless feet, but look on it, and ask "Who art thou, and whence?" So shalt thou know Harmonia whose family is illustrious in Megara. For in her one could observe

πάντα γάρ, δσσα βροτοῖσι φέρει κλέος, ἦεν ἰδέσθαι, 5 εὐγενίην ἐρατήν, ἤθεα, σωφροσύνην. τοίης τυμβον ἄθρησον· ἐς οὐρανίας γὰρ ἀταρποὺς ψυχὴ παπταίνει σῶμ' ἀποδυσαμένη.

338.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Αδε τοι, 'Αρχίου υίὲ Περίκλεες, ά λιθίνα 'γὰ ἔστακα στάλα, μνᾶμα κυναγεσίας πάντα δε τοι περὶ σᾶμα τετεύχαται, ἵπποι, ἄκοντες, αὶ κύνες, αὶ στάλικες, δίκτυ ὑπὲρ σταλίκων, αἰαῖ, λάινα πάντα περιτροχάουσι δὲ θῆρες αὐτὸς δ' εἰκοσέτας νήγρετον ὕπνον ἔχεις.

339.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Οὐδὲν ἁμαρτήσας γενόμην παρὰ τῶν με τεκόντων γεννηθεὶς δ' ὁ τάλας ἔρχομαι εἰς ᾿Αἔδην.
ὁ μίξις γονέων θανατηφόρος ὁ μοι ἀνάγκης,
ἡ με προσπελάσει τῷ στυγερῷ θανάτῳ.
οὐδὲν ἐὼν γενόμην πάλιν ἔσσομαι, ὡς πάρος,
οὐδέν καὶ μηδὲν τῶν μερόπων τὸ γένος:

ούδὲν καὶ μηδὲν τῶν μερόπων τὸ γένος· λοιπόν μοι τὸ κύπελλον ἀποστίλβωσον, ἐταῖρε, καὶ λύπης †ὁδύνην τὸν Βρόμιον πάρεχε.

340.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Ευρέθη εν Θεσσαλονίκη

Νικόπολιν Μαράθωνις ἐθήκατο τῆδ' ἐνὶ πέτρη, ὀμβρήσας δακρύοις λάρνακα μαρμαρέην. ἄλλ' οὐδὲν πλέον ἔσχε· τί γὰρ πλέον ἀνέρι κήδευς μούνφ ὑπὲρ γαίης, οἰχομένης ἀλόχου; A. Esdaile, Lux Juventutis, p. 79.

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all things which bring fame to men, a loveable nobility, a gentle character and virtue. Such was she whose tomb you look on; her soul putting off the body strives to gain the paths of heaven.

338.—Anonymous

HERE stand I, O Pericles, son of Archias, the stone stele, a record of thy chase. All are carved about thy monument; thy horses, darts, dogs, stakes and the nets on them. Alas! they are all of stone; the wild creatures run about free, but thou aged only twenty sleepest the sleep from which there is no awakening.

339.—Anonymous

(Not Sepulchral)

It was not for any sin of mine that I was born of my parents. I was born, poor wretch, and I journey towards Hades. Oh death-dealing union of my parents! Oh for the necessity which will lead me to dismal death! From nothing I was born, and again I shall be nothing as at first. Nothing, nothing is the race of mortals. Therefore make the cup bright, my friend, and give me wine the consoler of sorrow.

340.—Anonymous

Found in Thessalonica

MARATHONIS laid Nicopolis in this sarcophagus, bedewing the marble chest with tears. But it profited him naught. What is left but sorrow for a man alone in the world, his wife gone?

341.—ΠΡΟΚΛΟΥ

Πρόκλος έγὼ Λύκιος γενόμην γένος, δυ Συριανὸς ἐνθάδ' ἀμοιβὸν ἑῆς θρέψε διδασκαλίης. ξυνὸς δ' ἀμφοτέρων ὅδε σώματα δέξατο τύμβος, αἴθε δὲ καὶ ψυχὰς χῶρος ἔεις λελάχοι.

342.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Κάτθανον, άλλὰ μένω σε· μενεῖς δέ τε καὶ σύ τιν' ἄλλον·

343.—AΔHΛΟΝ

πάντας όμως θνητούς είς 'Αίδης δέχεται.

W. H. D. Rouse, An Echo of Greek Song, p. 41.

Πατέριον λιγύμυθον, ἐπήρατον, ἔλλαχε τύμβος, Μιλτιάδου φίλον υἶα καὶ ᾿Αττικίης βαρυτλήτου, Κεκροπίης βλάστημα, κλυτὸν γένος Αἰακιδάων, ἔμπλεον Αὐσονίων θεσμῶν σοφίης τ᾽ ἀναπάσης, τῶν πισύρων ἀρετῶν ἀμαρύγματα πάντα φέροντα· ἤίθεον χαρίεντα, τὸν ἤρπασε μόρσιμος αἶσα, οἶά τε ἀγλαόμορφον ἀπὸ χθονὸς ἔρνος ἀήτης, εἰκοσικαιτέτρατον βιότου λυκάβαντα περῶντα· λεῖψε φίλοις δὲ τοκεῦσι γόον καὶ πένθος ἄλαστον.

344Α.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Θηρῶν μὲν κάρτιστος ἐγώ, θνατῶν δ' δν ἐγὼ νῦν φρουρῶ, τῷδε τάφῳ λαΐνῳ ἐμβεβαώς.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, ii. p. 6.

344Β.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

'Αλλ' εἰ μὴ θυμόν γε Λέων ἐμὸν οὔνομά τ' εἰχεν, οὐκ ᾶν ἐγὼ τύμβφ τῷδ' ἐπέθηκα πόδας.

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341.—PROCLUS

I AM Proclus of Lycia, whom Syrianus educated nere to be his successor in the school. This our common tomb received the bodies of both, and would that one place might receive our spirits too.

342.—ANONYMOUS

I am dead, but await thee, and thou too shalt await another. One Hades receives all mortals alike.

343.—Anonymous

The tomb possesses Paterius, sweet-spoken and loveable, the dear son of Miltiades and sorrowing Atticia, a child of Athens of the noble race of the Aeacidae, full of knowledge of Roman law and of all wisdom, endowed with the brilliance of all the four virtues, a young man of charm, whom Fate carried off, even as the whirlwind uproots a beautiful sapling. He was in his twenty-fourth year and left to his dear parents undying lament and mourning.

344A.—SIMONIDES

I AM the most valiant of beasts, and most valiant of men is he whom I guard standing on this stone tomb.¹

344B.—CALLIMACHUS

Never, unless Leo had had my courage and strength would I have set foot on this tomb.²

¹ Probably on the tomb of Leonidas, on which stood a lion, alluding to his name.

² On the tomb of one Leo, on which stood a lion.

345.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έγω Φιλαινὶς ἡ ἀπίβωτος ἀνθρώποις ἐνταῦθα γήρα τῷ μακρῷ κεκοίμημαι.
μή μ, ὁ μάταιε ναῦτα, τὴν ἄκραν κάμπτων, χλεύην τε ποιεῦ καὶ γέλωτα καὶ λάσθην.
οὐ γάρ, μὰ τὸν Ζῆν οὐδὲ τοὺς κάτω Κούρους, οὐκ ἢν ἐς ἄνδρας μάχλος οὐδὲ δημώδης.
Πολυκράτης δὲ τὴν γονὴν ᾿Αθηναῖος, λόγων τι παιπάλημα καὶ κακὴ γλῶσσα, ἔγραψεν οἱ ἔγραψ, ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐκ οἰδα.

346.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Τοῦτό τοι ἡμετέρης μνημήϊον, ἐσθλὲ Σαβῖνε, ἡ λίθος ἡ μικρή, τῆς μεγάλης φιλίης. αἰεὶ ζητήσω σε· σὰ δ', εἰ θέμις, ἐν φθιμένοισι τοῦ Λήθης ἐπ' ἐμοὶ μή τι πίης ὕδατος.

Goldwin Smith, in The Greek Anthology (Bohn), xliv.

347.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Οὖτος `Αδειμάντου κείνου τάφος, οὖ διὰ βουλὰς Ἑλλὰς ἐλευθερίης ἀμφέθετο στέφανον.

A. Esdaile, Lux Juventutis, p. 80.

348.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Πολλά πιὼν καὶ πολλά φαγών, καὶ πολλά κάκ' εἰπὼν

ανθρώπους, κειμαι Τιμοκρέων 'Ρόδιος.

W. Peter, in his Specimens, p. 53; W. H. D. Rouse, An Echo of Greek Song, p. 72.

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345.—Anonymous

I PHILAENIS, celebrated among men, have been laid to rest here, by extreme old age. Thou silly sailor, as thou roundest the cape, make no sport and mockery of me; insult me not. For by Zeus I swear and the Infernal Lords I was not lascivious with men or a public woman; but Polycrates the Athenian, a cozener in speech and an evil tongue, wrote whatever he wrote; for I know not what it was.¹

346.—Anonymous

In Corinth

This little stone, good Sabinus, is a memorial of our great friendship. I shall ever miss thee; and if so it may be, when with the dead thou drinkest of Lethe, drink not thou forgetfulness of me.

347.—Anonymous

This is the tomb of that Adeimantus through whose counsel Greece put on the crown of freedom.²

348.—SIMONIDES

HERE I lie, Timocreon of Rhodes, after drinking much and eating much and speaking much ill of men.

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¹ A certain obscene book was attributed to Philaenis.

² The Corinthian admiral at the battle of Salamis.

349.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Βαιὰ φαγών καὶ βαιὰ πιὼν καὶ πολλὰ νοσήσας, όψὲ μέν, ἀλλ' ἔθανον. ἔρρετε πάντες ὁμοῦ.

350.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Ναυτίλε, μη πεύθου τίνος ενθάδε τύμβος ὅδ' εἰμὶ, άλλ' αὐτὸς πόντου τύγχανε χρηστοτέρου.

351.--ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Οὐ μὰ τόδε φθιμένων σέβας ὅρκιον, αίδε Λυκάμβεω, αὶ λάχομεν στυγερὴν κληδόνα, θυγατέρες, οὕτε τι παρθενίην ἢσχύναμεν, οὕτε τοκῆας, οὕτε Πάρον νήσων αἰπυτάτην ἱερῶν. ἀλλὰ καθ' ἡμετέρης γενεῆς ἡιγηλὸν ὄνειδος 5 φήμην τε στυγερὴν ἔβλυσεν ᾿Αρχίλοχος. ᾿Αρχίλοχον, μὰ θεοὺς καὶ δαίμονας, οὕτ' ἐν ἀγυιαῖς εἴδομεν, οὕθ' "Ηρης ἐν μεγάλω τεμένει. εἰ δ' ἢμεν μάχλοι καὶ ἀτάσθαλοι, οὐκ ἂν ἐκεῖνος ἤθελεν ἐξ ἡμέων γνήσια τέκνα τεκεῖν.

352.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ, οἱ δὲ ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Δεξιτερὴν 'Αΐδαο θεοῦ χέρα καὶ τὰ κελαινὰ ὅμνυμεν ἀρρήτου δέμνια Περσεφόνης, παρθένοι ὡς ἔτυμον καὶ ὑπὸ χθονί· πολλὰ δ' ὁ πικρὸς αἰσχρὰ καθ' ἡμετέρης ἔβλυσε παρθενίης

¹ i.e. this our tomb.

² Archilochus had accused them of disgraceful conduct in these public places.

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349.—Anonymous

AFTER eating little and drinking little and suffering much sickness I lasted long, but at length I did die. A curse on you all!

350.—Anonymous

Ask not, sea-farer, whose tomb I am, but thyself chance upon a kinder sea.

351.—DIOSCORIDES

Nor, by this, the solemn oath of the dead, did we daughters of Lycambes, who have gotten such an evil name, ever disgrace our maidenhead or our parents or Paros, queen of the holy islands; but Archilochus poured on our family a flood of horrible reproach and evil report. By the gods and demons we swear that we never set eyes on Archilochus, either in the streets or in Hera's great precinct. If we had been wanton and wicked, he would never have wished lawful children born to him by us. §

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Anonymous, by some attributed to MELEAGER

WE swear by the right hand of Hades and the dark couch of Persephone whom none may name, that we are truly virgins even here under ground; but bitter Archilochus poured floods of abuse on

³ Archilochus is only said to have married one of them.

⁴ i.e. whose mystic name it was not allowed to utter.

`Αρχίλοχος· ἐπέων δὲ καλὴν φάτιν οὐκ ἐπὶ καλὰ ἔργα, γυναικεῖον δ' ἔτραπεν ἐς πόλεμον. Πιερίδες, τί κόρησιν ἔφ' ὑβριστῆρας ἰάμβους ἐτράπετ', οὐχ ὁσίφ φωτὶ χαριζόμεναι;

353.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τῆς πολιῆς τόδε σῆμα Μαρωνίδος, ἦς ἐπὶ τύμβφ γλυπτὴν ἐκ πέτρης αὐτὸς ὁρῷς κύλικα. ἡ δὲ φιλάκρητος καὶ ἀείλαλος οὐκ ἐπὶ τέκνοις μύρεται, οὐ τεκέων ἀκτεάνφ πατέρι: εν δὲ τόδ' αἰάζει καὶ ὑπ' ἠρίον, ὅττι τὸ Βάκχου ἄρμενον οὐ βάκχου πλῆρες ἔπεστι τάφφ.

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354.—ΓΑΙΤΟΥΛΙΚΟΥ

Παίδων Μηδείης οὖτος τάφος, οὖς ὁ πυρίπνους ζάλος τῶν Γλαύκης θῦμ' ἐποίησε γάμων, οἶς αἶεὶ πέμπει μειλίγματα Σισυφὶς αἶα, μητρὸς ἀμείλικτον θυμὸν ίλασκομένα.

355.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

Τὴν ἱλαρὰν φωνὴν καὶ τίμιον, ὧ παριόντες, τῷ χρηστῷ " χαίρειν" εἴπατε Πραξιτέλει· ἢν δ' ὡνὴρ Μουσέων ἐκανὴ μερίς, ἤδὲ παρ' οἴνῷ κρήγυος. ὧ χαίροις 'Ανδριε Πραξίτελες.

356.—AΔHΛΟΝ

Είς τινα ὑπὸ ληστοῦ ἀναιρεθέντα καὶ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ πάλιν θαπτόμενον

Ζωὴν συλήσας, δωρἢ τάφον ἀλλά με κρύπτεις, οὐ θάπτεις. τοίου καὐτὸς ὄναιο τάφου.

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our maidenhood, directing to no noble end but to war with women the noble language of his verse. Ye Muses, why to do favour to an impious man, did ye turn upon girls those scandalous iambics?

353.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

This is the monument of grey-haired Maronis, on whose tomb you see a wine cup carved in stone. She the wine-bibber and chatterer, is not sorry for her children or her children's destitute father, but one thing she laments even in her grave, that the device of the wine-god on the tomb is not full of wine.

354.—GAETULICUS

This is the tomb of Medea's children, whom her burning jealousy made the victims of Glauce's wedding. To them the Corinthian land ever sends peaceofferings, propitiating their mother's implacable soul.

355.—DAMAGETUS

Bin good Praxiteles "hail," ye passers by, that cheering and honouring word. He was well gifted by the Muses and a jolly after dinner companion. Hail, Praxiteles of Andros!

356.—Anonymous

On one who was killed by a robber and then buried by him

You robbed me of my life, and then you give me a tomb. But you hide me, you don't bury me. May you have the benefit of such a tomb yourself!

357.—AAAO

Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Κάν με κατακρύπτης, ώς οὐδενὸς ἀνδρὸς ὁρῶντος, δμμα Δίκης καθορᾳ πάντα τὰ γινόμενα.

358.—AAAO

Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Έκτανες, εἶτά μ' ἔθαπτες, ἀτάσθαλε, χερσὶν ἐκείναις αἶς με διεχρήσω· μή σε λάθοι Νέμεσις.

359.—AAAO

Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Εἴ με νέκυν κατέθαπτες ίδων οἰκτίρμονι θυμῷ, εἰχες αν ἐκ μακάρων μισθὸν ἐπ' εὐσεβίŋ. νῦν δ' ὅτε δὴ τύμβῳ με κατακρύπτεις ὁ φονεύσας, των αὐτῶν μετέχοις ὧνπερ ἐμοὶ παρέχεις.

360.—AAAO

Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Χερσὶ κατακτείνας τάφον ἔκτισας, οὐχ ἵνα θάψης, άλλ' ἵνα με κρύψης· ταὐτὸ δὲ καὶ σὺ πάθοις.

361.—**Α**ΔΗΛΟΝ

Υίι πατήρ τόδε σημα· τὸ δ' ἔμπαλιν ἢν τὸ δίκαιον· ἢν δὲ δικαιοσύνης ὁ φθόνος ὀξύτερος.

362.—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΈΩΣ

'Ενθάδε την ίερην κεφαλην σορός ήδε κέκευθεν 'Αετίου χρηστοῦ, ρήτορος ἐκπρεπέος.

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(357-360 are anonymous variants on the same theme)

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Though you hide me as if no one saw you, the eye of Justice sees all that happens.

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WRETCH! you killed and then buried me with those hands that slew me. May you not escape Nemesis.

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Ir you had found me dead and buried me out of pity, the gods would have rewarded you for your piety. But now that you who slew me hide me in a tomb, may you meet with the same treatment that I met with at your hands.

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HAVING killed me with your hands you build me a tomb, not to bury me, but to hide me. May you meet with the same fate!

361.—Anonymous

THE father erects this tomb to his son. The reverse had been just, but Envy was quicker than Justice.

362.—PHILIPPUS OF THESSALONICA

Here the sarcophagus holds the holy head of good Aetius, the distinguished orator. To the house of

363.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

†Τετμενάνης ὅδε τύμβος ἐὔγλύπτοιο μετάλλου ἤρωος μεγάλου νέκυος κατὰ σῶμα καλύπτει Ζηνοδότου ψυχὴ δὲ κατ' οὐρανόν, ἦχί περ 'Ορφεύς, ἢχι Πλάτων, ἱερὸν θεοδέγμονα θῶκον ἐφεῦρεν. 'Τππεὺς μὲν γὰρ ἔην βασικήϊος ἄλκιμος οὖτος, κύδιμος, ἀρτιεπής, θεοείκελος· ἐν δ' ἄρα μύθοις Σωκράτεος μίμημα παρ' Αὐσονίοισιν ἐτύχθη· παισὶ δὲ καλλείψας πατρώϊον αἴσιον ὅλβον, ἀμογέρων τέθνηκε, λιπὼν ἀπερείσιον ἄλγος εὐγενέεσσι φίλοισι καὶ ἄστεϊ καὶ πολιήταις.

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364.—ΜΑΡΚΟΥ ΑΡΓΕΝΤΑΡΙΟΥ

'Ακρίδι καὶ τέττιγι Μυρὼ τόδε θήκατο σῆμα, λιτὴν ἀμφοτέροις χερσὶ βαλοῦσα κόνιν, ἵμερα δακρύσασα πυρῆς ἔπι· τὸν γὰρ ἀοιδὸν ˝Αδης, τὴν δ' ἐτέρην ἥρπασε Περσεφόνη.

365.—ΖΩΝΑ ΣΑΡΔΙΑΝΟΥ, τοῦ καὶ ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

'Αίδη δς ταύτης καλαμώδεος ὕδατι λίμνης κωπεύεις νεκύων βάριν, †έλῶν ὀδύνην, τῷ Κινύρου τὴν χεῖρα βατηρίδος ἐμβαίνουτι κλίμακος ἐκτείνας, δέξο, κελαινὲ Χάρον πλάζει γὰρ τὸν παῖδα τὰ σάνδαλα· γυμνὰ δὲ θεῖναι τχνια δειμαίνει ψάμμον ἔπ' ἦονίην.

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Hades went his body, but his soul in Olympus rejoices with Zeus and the other gods , but neither eloquence nor God can make man immortal.

363.—Anonymous

This tomb of polished metal covers the body of the great hero Zenodotus; but his soul has found in heaven, where Orpheus and Plato are, a holy seat fit to receive a god. He was a valiant knight in the Emperor's service, famous, eloquent, god-like; in his speech he was a Latin copy of Socrates. Bequeathing to his children a handsome fortune, he died while still a vigorous old man, leaving infinite sorrow to his noble friends, city and citizens.

364.—MARCUS ARGENTARIUS

Myro made this tomb for her grasshopper and cicada, sprinkling a little dust over them both and weeping regretfully over their pyre; for the songster was seized by Hades and the other by Persephone.

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ZONAS OF SARDIS, ALSO CALLED DIODORUS

Dark Charon, who through the water of this reedy lake rowest the boat of the dead to Hades... reach out thy hand from the mounting-ladder to the son of Cinyras as he embarks, and receive him; for the boy cannot walk steadily in his sandals, and he fears to set his bare feet on the sand of the beach.

¹ The meaning is that he died at an age when he had not yet begun to wear sandals, so these were his first pair.

366.—ΑΝΤΙΣΤΙΟΥ

'Αφου προχοαὶ σέ, Μενέστρατε, καὶ σέ, Μένανδρε, λαῖλαψ Καρπαθίη, καὶ σὲ πόρος Σικελὸς ὥλεσεν ἐν πόντφ, Διονύσιε· φεῦ πόσον ἄλγος Ἑλλάδι· τοὺς πάντων κρέσσονας ἀθλοφόρων.

367.—ANTIMATPOT

Αὔσονος Ἡγερίου με λέγειν νέκυν, ὁ μετιόντι νύμφην ὀφθαλμοὺς ἀμβλὺ κατέσχε νέφος, ὅμμασι δὲ πνοιὴν συναπέσβεσε μοῦνον ἰδόντος κούρην. φεῦ κείνης, Ἡλιε, θευμορίης ἔρροι δὴ κεῖνο φθονερὸν σέλας, εἴθ Ὑμέναιος ἡψέ μιν οὐκ ἐθέλων, εἴτ ᾿Αἴδης ἐθέλων.

368.—EPTKIOT

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' Ατθὶς ἐγώ· κείνη γὰρ ἐμὴ πόλις· ἐκ δέ μ' ' Αθηνῶν λοιγὸς ' Αρης ' Ιταλῶν πρίν ποτ' ἐληΐσατο, καὶ θέτο ' Ρωμαίων πολιήτιδα· νῦν δὲ θανούσης ὀστέα νησαίη Κύζικος ἠμφίασε. χαίροις ἡ θρέψασα, καὶ ἡ μετέπειτα λαχοῦσα χθών με, καὶ ἡ κόλποις ὕστατα δεξαμένη.

369.—ANТІПАТРОТ

'Αντιπάτρου ἡητῆρος ἐγὰ τάφος· ἡλίκα δ' ἔπνει ἔργα, Πανελλήνων πεύθεο μαρτυρίης. κεῖται δ' ἀμφήριστος, 'Αθηνόθεν, εἔτ' ἀπὸ Νείλου ἡν γένος· ἡπείρων δ' ἄξιος ἀμφοτέρων. ἄστεα καὶ δ' ἄλλως ένὸς αἵματος, ὡς λόγος "Ελλην· 5 κλήρφ δ' ἡ μὲν ἀεὶ Παλλάδος, ἡ δὲ Διός.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 366-369

366.—ANTISTIUS

To thee, Menestratus, the mouth of the Aous was fatal; to thee, Menander, the tempest of the Carpathian Sea; and thou, Dionysius, didst perish at sea in the Sicilian Strait. Alas, what grief to Hellas! the best of all her winners in the games gone.

367.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

SAY that I am the corpse of Italian Egerius whose eyes when he went to meet his bride were veiled by a dim cloud, which extinguished his life together with his eyesight, after he had but seen the girl. Alas, O Sun, that heaven allotted him such a fate! Cursed be that envious wedding torch, whether unwilling Hymen lit or willing Hades.

368.—ERYCIUS

I am a woman of Athens, for that is my birthplace, but the destroying sword of the Italians long ago took me captive at Athens and made me a citizen of Rome, and now that I am dead island Cyzicus covers my bones. Hail ye three lands, thou which didst nourish me, thou to which my lot took me afterwards and thou that didst finally receive me in thy bosom.

369.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

I am the tomb of the orator Antipater. Ask all Greece to testify to his inspiration. He lies here, and men dispute whether his birth was from Athens or from Egypt; but he was worthy of both continents. For the matter of that, the lands are of one blood, as Greek legend says, but the one is ever allotted to Pallas and the other to Zeus.

370.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Βάκχω καὶ Μούσησι μεμηλότα, τὸν Διοπείθους, Κεκροπίδην ὑπ' ἐμοί, ξεῖνε, Μένανδρον ἔχω, ἐν πυρὶ τὴν ὀλίγην ὃς ἔχει κόνιν· εἰ δὲ Μένανδρον δίζηαι, δήεις ἐν Διὸς ἢ μακάρων.

371.--ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Γη μευ καλ μήτηρ κικλήσκετο· γη με καλύπτει καλ νέκυν. οὐ κείνης ήδε χερειοτέρη· ἔσσομαι ἐν ταύτη δηρὸν χρόνον· ἐκ δέ με μητρὸς ήρπασεν ἠελίου καῦμα τὸ θερμότατον. κεῦμαι δ' ἐν ξείνη, ὑπὸ χερμάδι, μακρὰ γοηθείς, Ἰναχος, εὐπειθὴς Κριναγόρου θεράπων.

372.—ΛΟΛΛΙΟΥ ΒΑΣΣΟΥ

Γαία Ταραντίνων, έχε μείλιχος ἀνέρος ἐσθλοῦ τόνδε νέκυν. ψεῦσται δαίμονες ἀμερίων· ἢ γὰρ ἐὼν Θήβηθεν ᾿Ατύμνιος οὐκέτι πρόσσω ἤνυσεν, ἀλλὰ τεὴν βῶλον ὑπωκίσατο· ὀρφανικῷ δ΄ ἐπὶ παιδὶ λιπὼν βίον, εὖνιν ἔθηκεν ὀφθαλμῶν. κείνω μ βαρὺς ἔσσο τάφος.

373.—ΘΛΛΛΟΥ ΜΙΛΗΣΙΟΥ

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Δισσὰ φάη, Μίλητε, τεῆς βλαστήματα γαίης, Ἰταλὶς ὦκυμόρους ἀμφεκάλυψε κόνις· πένθεα δὲ στεφάνων ἠλλάξαο· λείψανα δ', αἰαῖ, ἔδρακες ἐν βαιῆ κάλπιδι κευθόμενα. φεῦ, πάτρα τριτάλαινα· πόθεν πάλιν ἡ πότε τοίους ἀστέρας αὐχήσεις Ἑλλάδι λαμπομένους;

1 Stadtmüller suggests Eelve, and I render so.

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370.—DIODORUS

MENANDER of Athens, the son of Diopeithes, the friend of Bacchus and the Muses, rests beneath me, or at least the little dust he shed in the funeral fire. But if thou seekest Menander himself thou shalt find him in the abode of Zeus or in the Islands of the Blest.

371.—CRINAGORAS

EARTH was my mother's name, and earth too covers me now I am dead. No worse is this earth than the other: in this I shall lie for long, but from my mother the violent heat of the sun snatched me away and in a strange earth I lie under a stone, Inachus, the much bewept and the obedient servant of Crinagoras.

372.—LOLLIUS BASSUS

EARTH of Tarentum, keep gently this body of a good man. How false are the guardian divinities of mortal men! Atymnius, coming from Thebes,² got no further, but settled under thy soil. He left an orphan son, whom his death deprived, as it were, of his eyes. Lie not heavy upon the stranger.

373.—THALLUS OF MILETUS

Two shining lights, Miletus, sprung from thee, doth the Italian earth cover, dead each ere his prime. Thou hast put on mourning instead of garlands, and thou seeest, alas, their remains hidden in a little urn. Alack, thrice unhappy country! Whence and when shalt thou have again two such stars to boast of, shedding their light on Greece?

¹ I take this literally. The name of the slave's mother was $\Gamma \hat{\eta}$ (Earth).

⁸ A place in Italy not far from Tarentum.

374.--ΜΑΡΚΟΥ ΑΡΓΕΝΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Δύσμορος ἐκρύφθην πόντφ νέκυς, δν παρὰ κῦμα ἔκλαυσεν μήτηρ μυρία Λυσιδίκη, ψεύστην αὐγάζουσα κενὸν τάφον· ἀλλά με δαίμων ἄπνουν αἰθυίαις θῆκεν όμορρόθιον Πνυταγόρην· ἔσχον δὲ κατ' Αἰγαίην ἄλα πότμον, πρυμνούχους στέλλων ἐκ Βορέαο κάλους. ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὡς ναύτην ἔλιπον δρόμον, ἀλλ' ἀπὸ νηὸς ἄλλην πὰρ φθιμένοις εἰσανέβην ἄκατον.

375.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΊΟΥ

Δώματά μοι σεισθέντα κατήριπεν· ἀλλ' ἐμὸς ἀπτὼς ἢν θάλαμος, τοίχων ὀρθὰ τιναξαμένων, οἶς ὑποφωλεύουσαν ὑπήλυθον αἰ κακόμοιροι ἀδῖνες· σεισμῷ δ' ἄλλον ἔμιξα φόβον. μαῖα δέ μοι λοχίων αὐτὴ φύσις· ἀμφότεροι δὲ κοινὸν ὑπὲρ γαίης εἴδομεν ἠέλιον.

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376.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Δείλαιοι, τί κεναίσιν ἀλώμεθα θαρσήσαντες ἐλπίσιν, ἀτηροῦ ληθόμενοι θανάτου; ἢν ὅδε καὶ μύθοισι καὶ ἤθεσι πάντα Σέλευκος ἄρτιος, ἀλλ' ἤβης βαιὸν ἐπαυρόμενος, ὑστατίοις ἐν Ἰβηρσι, τόσον δίχα τηλόθι Λέσβου, κεῖται ἀμετρήτων ξεῖνος ἐπ' αἰγιαλῶν.

377.—EPTKIOT

Εί καὶ ὑπο χθονὶ κεῖται, ὅμως ἔτι καὶ κατὰ πίσσαν τοῦ μιαρογλώσσου χεύατε Παρθενίου,

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374.—MARCUS ARGENTARIUS

My ill-fated body was covered by the sea, and beside the waves my mother, Lysidice, wept for me much, gazing at my false and empty tomb, while my evil genius sent my lifeless corpse to be tossed with the sea-gulls on the deep. My name was Pnytagoras and I met my fate on the Aegean, when taking in the stern cables because of the north-wind. Yet not even so did I end my voyage, but from my ship I embarked on another boat among the dead.¹

375.—ANTIPHILUS OF BYZANTIUM

(Not Sepulchral)

My house collapsed with the earthquake; yet my chamber remained erect, as its walls stood the shock. There while I lay, as if hiding in a cave, the unhappy labour-pains overtook me, and another dread was mingled with that of the earthquake. Nature herself was the midwife, and the child and I both together saw the sun above the earth.

376.—CRINAGORAS

Unhappy men! why do we wander confiding in empty hopes, oblivious of painful death? Here was this Seleucus so perfect in speech and character; but after enjoying his prime but for a season, in Spain, at the end of the world, so far from Lesbos, he lies a stranger on that uncharted coast.

377.—ERYCIUS

Even though he lies under earth, still pour pitch on foul-mouthed Parthenius, because he vomited on the

ούνεκα Πιερίδεσσιν ενήμεσε μυρία κείνα φλέγματα καὶ μυσαρῶν ἀπλυσίην ἐλέγων. ήλασε καὶ μανίης έπὶ δὴ τόσον, ώστ' ἀγορεῦσαι πηλον 'Οδυσσείην καὶ βάτον 'Ιλιάδα. τοιγάρ ύπὸ ζοφίαισιν Ἐρινύσιν ἀμμέσον ἡπται Κωκυτού κλοιώ λαιμον άπαγγόμενος.

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378.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

"Εφθανεν 'Ηλιόδωρος, εφέσπετο δ', οὐδ' ὅσον ὥρη ύστερου, ανδρὶ φίλφ Διογένεια δάμαρ. αμφω δ', ως αμ' εναιον, ύπο πλακὶ τυμβεύονται. ξυνὸν ἀγαλλόμενοι καὶ τάφον ὡς θάλαμον.

A. Esdaile, Lux Juventutis. p. 81.

379.—ANTIOIAOY BYZANTIOY

α. Εἰπέ, Δικαιάρχεια, τί σοι τόσον εἰς ἄλα χῶμα Βέβληται, μέσσου γευόμενον πελάγους; Κυκλώπων τάδε χειρες ενιδρύσαντο θαλάσση τείχεα· μέχρι πόσου, Γαΐα, βιαζόμεθα; β. Κόσμου νηίτην δέχομαι στόλον είσιδε 'Ρώμην 5

έγγύθεν, εί ταύτης μέτρον έχω λιμένα.

380.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Εί καὶ τὸ σῆμα λυγδίνης ἀπὸ πλακὸς καὶ ξεστὸν ὀρθή λαοτέκτονος στάθμη, οὐκ ἀνδρὸς ἐσθλοῦ. μὴ λίθφ τεκμαίρεο.

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Muses those floods of bile, and the filth of his repulsive elegies. So far gone was he in madness that he called the Odyssey mud and the Iliad a bramble. Therefore he is bound by the dark Furies in the middle of Cocytus, with a dog-collar that chokes him round his neck.¹

378.—APOLLONIDES

Heliodorus, went first, and in even less than an hour his wife, Diogenia, followed her dear husband. Both, even as they dwelt together, are interred under one stone, happy to share one tomb, as erst to share one chamber

379.—ANTIPHILUS OF BYZANTIUM

(Not Sepulchral)

A. "Tell me, Dicaearchia, why thou hast built thee so vast a mole in the sea, reaching out to the middle of the deep? They were Cyclopes' hands that planted such walls in the sea. How long, O Land, shalt thou do violence to us?" B. "I can receive the navies of the world. Look at Rome hard by; is not my harbour as great as she?"

380.—CRINAGORAS

Though the monument be of Parian marble, and polished by the mason's straight rule, it is not a good man's. Do not, good sir, estimate the dead by the

² Puteoli. The sea is supposed to be addressing the town.

¹ This Parthenius, who lived in the time of Hadrian, was known as the "scourge of Homer."

ώ λώστε, τὸν θανόντα. κωφὸν ἡ λίθος, τῆ καὶ ζοφώδης ἀμφιέννυται νέκυς. κεῖται δὲ τῆδε τώλιγηπελὲς ῥάκος Εὐνικίδαο, σήπεται δ΄ ὑπὸ σποδῷ.

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381.—ΕΤΡΟΥΣΚΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΗΣ

Ή μία καὶ βιότοιο καὶ "Αίδος ἤγαγεν εἴσω ναῦς Ἱεροκλείδην, κοινὰ λαχοῦσα τέλη. ἔτρεφεν ἰχθυβολεῦντα, κατέφλεγε τεθνειῶτα, σύμπλοος εἰς ἄγρην, σύμπλοος εἰς 'Αίδην. ὅλβιος ὁ γριπεὺς ἰδίη καὶ πόντον ἐπέπλει νητ, καὶ ἐξ ἰδίης ἔδραμεν εἰς 'Ατδην.

382.—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

'Ηπείρω μ' ἀποδοῦσα νέκυν, τρηχεῖα θάλασσα, σύρεις καὶ τέφρης λοιπὸν ἔτι σκύβαλον. κὴν 'Αίδη ναυηγὸς έγὼ μόνος, οὐδ' ἐπὶ χέρσου εἰρήνην ἔξω φρικαλέης σπιλάδος. ἢ τύμβευε κενοῦσα καθ' ὕδατος, ἢ παραδοῦσα γαίη, τὸν κείνης μηκέτι κλέπτε νέκυν.

383.—TOY AYTOY

'Η όνιον τόδε σῶμα βροτοῦ παντλήμονος ἄθρει σπαρτόν, άλιρραγέων ἐκχύμενον σκοπέλων τῆ μὲν ἐρημοκόμης κεῖται καὶ χῆρος ὀδόντων κόρση τῆ δὲ χερῶν πενταφυεῖς ὅνυχες, πλευρά τε σαρκολιπῆ, ταρσοὶ δ΄ ἐτέρωθεν ἄμοιροι νευρῶν, καὶ κώλων ἔκλυτος ἀρμονίη. οὖτος ὁ πουλυμερὴς εἶς ἦν ποτε. φεῦ μακαριστοί, ὅσσοι ἀπ' ὡδίνων οὐκ ἴδοι ἤέλιον.

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stone. The stone is senseless and can cover a foul black corpse as well as any other. Here lies that weak rag the body of Eunicides and rots under the ashes.

381.—ETRUSCUS OF MESSENE

The same boat, a double task exacted of it, carried Hieroclides to his living and into Hades. It fed him by his fishing, and it burnt him dead, travelling with him to the chase and travelling with him to Hades. Indeed the fisherman was very well off, as he sailed the seas in his own ship and raced to Hades by means of his own ship.

382.—PHILIPPUS OF THESSALONICA

Thou gavest me up dead to the land, cruel sea, and now thou carriest off the little remnant of my ashes. I alone am shipwrecked even in Hades, and not even on land shall I cease to be dashed on the dreadful rocks. Either bury me, hiding (?) me in thy waters, or if thou givest me up to the land, steal not a corpse that now belongs to the land.

383.-BY THE SAME

Look on this corpse of a most unhappy man scattered on the beach shredded by the sea-dashed rocks. Here lies the hairless and toothless head and here the five fingers of a hand, here the fleshless ribs, the feet without their sinews and the disjointed legs. This man of many parts once was one. Blest indeed are those who were never born to see the sun!

384.—ΜΑΡΚΟΥ ΑΡΓΕΝΤΑΡΙΟΥ

'Η Βρόμιον στέρξασα πολύ πλέον ή τροφος 'Ινώ, ἡ λάλος ἀμπελίνη γρῆϋς 'Αριστομάχη, ἡνίκα τὴν ἱερὴν ὑπέδυ χθόνα, πᾶν τ' ἐμαράνθη πνεῦμα πάρος κυλίκων πλεῖστον ἐπαυρομένη, εἰπε τάδ': "'Ω Μινοῖ, πῆλαι, φέρε, κάλπιν ἐλαφρήν 5 οἴσω κυάνεον τοὐξ 'Αχέροντος ὕδωρ καὐτὴ παρθένιον γὰρ ἀπώλεσα." τοῦτο δ' ἔλεξε ψευδές, ἵν' αὐγάζη κὴν φθιμένοισι πίθον.

385.—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ

"Ηρως Πρωτεσίλαε, σὺ γὰρ πρώτην ἐμιησας

Ἰλιον Ἑλλαδικοῦ θυμὸν ἰδεῖν δόρατος,
καὶ περὶ σοῖς τύμβοις ὅσα δένδρεα μακρὰ τέθηλε,
πάντα τὸν εἰς Τροίην ἐγκεκύηκε χόλον

Ἰλιον ἦν ἐσίδη γὰρ ἀπ' ἀκρεμόνων κορυφαίων,
καρφοῦται, πετάλων κόσμον ἀναινόμενα.
θυμὸν ἐπὶ Τροίη πόσον ἔζεσας, ἡνίκα τὴν σὴν
σώζει καὶ στελέχη μῆνιν ἐπ' ἀντιπάλους.

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386.—ΒΑΣΣΟΥ ΛΟΛΛΙΟΥ

"Ηδ' έγὼ ή τοσάκις Νιόβη λίθος, όσσάκι μήτηρ·
δύσμορος ή μαστῶν [θερμὸν] ἔπηξα γάλα·
'Αίδεω πολὺς ὅλβος ἐμῆς ὡδῖνος ἀριθμός,
ῷ τέκον. ὦ μεγάλης λείψανα πυρκαιῆς.

387.—BIANOPOΣ

Θειονόης ἔκλαιον ἐμῆς μόρον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ παιδὸς ἐλπίσι κουφοτέρας ἔστενον εἰς ὀδύνας.

¹ i.e. condemn me. cp. Virg. Aen. vi. 492.

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384.—MARCUS ARGENTARIUS

OLD Aristomache the talkative friend of the vine, who loved Bacchus much more than did his nurse Ino, when she went under holy earth, and the spirit of her who had enjoyed so many a cup had utterly faded, said "Shake, Minos, the light urn. I will fetch the dark water from Acheron; for I too slew a young husband." This falsehood she told in order that even among the dead she should be able to look at a jar.

385.—PHILIPPUS

Hero Protesilaus, for that thou didst first initiate Ilion into looking on the wrath of Grecian spears, the tall trees also that grow round thy tomb are all big with hatred of Troy. If from their topmost branches they see Ilion, they wither and cast off the beauty of their foliage. How great was thy boiling wrath against Troy, if tree-trunks preserve the spite thou didst bear thy foes.³

386.--BASSUS LOLLIUS

HERE am I, Niobe, as many times a stone (sic) as I was a mother; so unhappy was I that the milk in my breast grew hard. Great wealth for Hades was the number of my children—to Hades for whom I brought them forth. Oh relics of that great pyre

387.—BIANOR

I wept the death of my Theonoe, but the hopes I had of our child lightened my grief. But now ² i.e. like the daughters of Danaus, who were compelled to carry water in hell. ³ cp. No. 141.

νῦν δέ με καὶ παιδὸς φθονερή η' ἀπενόσφισε Μοῖρα· φεῦ· βρέφος ἐψεύσθην καὶ σὲ τὸ λειπόμενον. Περσεφόνη, τόδε πατρὸς ἐπὶ θρήνοισιν ἄκουσον· θὲς βρέφος ἐς κόλπους μητρὸς ἀποιχομένης.

388.—TOY AYTOY

Ίχθύσι καὶ ποταμῷ Κλειτώνυμον ἐχθρὸς ὅμιλος ὅσεν, ὅτ' εἰς ἄκρην ἢλθε τυραννοφόνος. ἀλλὰ Δίκα μιν ἔθαψεν· ἀποσπασθεῖσα γὰρ ὅχθα πᾶν δέμας ἐς κορυφὴν ἐκ ποδὸς ἐκτέρισεν· κεῖται δ' οὐχ ὑδάτεσσι διάβροχος· αἰδομένα δὲ Γᾶ κεύθει τὸν ἑᾶς ὅρμον ἐλευθερίας.

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389.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Καὶ τίς δς οὐκ ἔτλη κακὸν ἔσχατον υίξα κλαύσας; ἀλλ' ὁ Ποσειδίππου πάντας ἔθαψε δόμος τέσσαρας, οῦς ᾿Αίδαο συνήριθμου ἤρπασεν ἤμαρ, τὴν πολλὴν παίδων ἐλπίδα κειραμένου. πατρὸς δ΄ ὅμματα λυγρὰ κατομβρηθέντα γόοισιι ἄλετο· κοινή που νὺξ μία πάντας ἔχει.

390.—ANTIHATPO↑

Κυλλήνην όρος 'Αρκάδων ἀκούεις αὕτη σῆμ' ἐπίκειτ' 'Απολλοδώρφ.
Πίσηθέν μιν ἰόντα νυκτὸς ὥρη ἔκτεινεν Διόθεν πεσῶν κεραυνός.
τηλοῦ δ' Αἰανέης τε καὶ Βεροίης νικηθεὶς Διὸς ὁ δρομεὺς καθεύδει.

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envious fate has bereft me of the boy too. Alas my child, all that was left to me, I am cheated of thee! Persephone, give ear to the prayer of a mourning father, and lay the child in the bosom of its dead mother.

388.—BY THE SAME

THE hostile crowd threw Clitonymus to the fish and the river when he came to the castle to kill the tyrant. But Justice buried him, for the bank falling in honoured with funeral his whole body from head to foot, and he lies unwetted by the water, the earth in reverence covering him, her haven 1 of freedom.

389.—APOLLONIDES

Who is there that has not suffered the extremity of woe, weeping for a son? But the house of Posidippus buried all four, taken from him in four days by death, that cut short all his hopes of them. The father's mourning eyes drenched with tears have lost their sight, and one may say that a common night now holds them all.

390.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

You have heard of Cyllene the Arcadian mountain. That is the monument that covers Apollodorus. As he journeyed from Pisa by night the thunderbolt from Zeus killed him; and far from Aeanae and Beroea 2 the racer sleeps, conquered by Zeus.

² Towns in Macedonia.

i.e. the protector of her freedom.

391.—ΒΑΣΣΟΥ ΛΟΛΛΙΟΥ

Κλειδοῦχοι νεκύων, πάσας `Αἴδαο κελεύθου\
φράγνυτε· καὶ στομίοις κλείθρα δέχοισθε, πύλαι.
αὐτὸς ἐγὼν ᾿Αΐδας ἐνέπω· Γερμανικὸς ἄστρων,
οὐκ ἐμός· οὐ χωρεῖ νῆα τόσην ᾿Αχέρων.

392.—ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΔΟΥ ΣΙΝΩΠΕΩΣ

Λαΐλαψ καὶ πολὺ κῦμα καὶ ἀντολαὶ ᾿Αρκτούροιο; καὶ σκότος, Αἰγαίου τ' οἶδμα κακὸν πελάγευς, ταῦθ' ἄμα πάνθ' ἐκύκησεν ἐμὴν νέα· τριχθὰ δὲ κλασθεὶς ἱστὸς ὁμοῦ φόρτω κάμὲ κάλυψε βυθῶ.

ιστος ομου φορτφ καμε καλυψε βυσφ. ναυηγον κλαίοιτε παρ' αίγιαλοῖσι, γονῆες, Τλησιμένη, κωφὴν στησάμενοι λίθακα.

393.—ΔΙΟΚΛΕΟΥΣ ΚΑΡΥΣΤΙΟΥ

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Μή με κόνι κρύψητε, τί γάρ; πάλι, μηδ' ἔτι ταύτης ήόνος οὐκ ὀνοτὴν γαῖαν ἐμοὶ τίθετε. μαίνεται εἴς με θάλασσα, καὶ ἐν χέρσοιό με δειλὸν εὐρίσκει ῥαχίαις· οἶδέ με κὴν ᾿Αἴδῃ. χέρσφ ἐπεκβαίνειν εἰ ἐμεῦ χάριν ὕδατι θυμός, †πάρκειμαι σταθερῆ μιμνέμεν ὡς ἄταφος.

394.--ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Μυλεργάτας ανήρ με κην ζωας χρόνοις βαρυβρομήταν είχε δινητον πέτρον,

¹ By Germanicus we should understand Tiberius' nephew. The connection between the two couplets is not obvious and something seems to be missing.

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391.—BASSUS LOLLIUS

YE janitors of the dead, block all the roads of Hades, and be bolted, ye entrance doors. I myself, Hades, order it. Germanicus belongs to the stars, not to me; Acheron has no room for so great a ship.¹

392.—HERACLIDES OF SINOPE

The gale and great waves and the tempestuous rising of Arcturus ² and the darkness and the evil swell of the Aegean, all these dashed my ship to pieces, and the mast broken in three plunged me in the depths together with my cargo. Weep on the shore, parents, for your shipwrecked Tlesimenes, erecting a cenotaph.

393.—DIOCLES OF CARYSTUS

Cover me not with dust again. What avails it? Nor continue to put on me the guiltless earth of this strand. The sea is furious with me and discovers me, wretched man, even on the surf-beaten land: even in Hades it knows me. If it is the will of the waves to mount on the land for my sake, I prefer to remain on the firm land thus unburied.

394.—PHILIPPUS OF THESSALONICA

THE miller possessed me also during his life, the deep-voiced revolving stone, the wheat-crushing

² In the middle of September.

³ Some such sense is required. Jacobs suggested ἀρκοῦμαι, "I am content."

πυρηφάτον Δάματρος εὐκάρπου λάτριν, καὶ κατθανὼν στάλωσε τῷδ' ἐπ' ἠρίῳ, σύνθημα τέχνας· ὡς ἔχει μ' ἀεὶ βαρύν, καὶ ζῶν ἐν ἔργοις, καὶ θανὼν ἐπ' ὀστέοις.

395.—ΜΑΡΚΟΥ ΑΡΓΕΝΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Ούτος ὁ Καλλαίσχρου κενεὸς τάφος, δυ βαθὺ χεῦμα ἔσφηλευ Λιβυκῶν ἐνδρομέοντα πόρων, συρμὸς ὅτ' ، Ωρίωνος ἀνεστρώφησε θαλάσσης βένθος ὑπὸ στυγερῆς οἴδματα πανδυσίης. καὶ τὸν μὲν δαίσαντο κυκώμενον εἰν άλὶ θῆρες, κωφὸν δὲ στήλη γράμμα λέλογχε τόδε.

396.—ΒΙΑΝΟΡΟΣ ΒΙΘΥΝΟΥ

Οιδίποδος παίδων Θήβη τάφος: ἀλλ' ὁ πανώλης τύμβος ἔτι ζώντων αἰσθάνεται πολέμων. κείνους οὔτ' ᾿Αἴδης ἐδαμάσσατο, κὴν ᾿Αχέροντι μάρνανται κείνων χὼ τάφος ἀντίπαλος, καὶ πυρὶ πῦρ ἤλεγξαν ἐναντίον. ὧ ἐλεεινοὶ παῖδες, ἀκοιμήτων ἀψάμενοι δοράτων.

397.—ΕΡΥΚΙΟΥ ΘΕΤΤΑΛΟΥ

Ούχ ὅδε δειλαίου Σατύρου τάφος, οὐδ' ὑπὸ ταύτη, ώς λόγος, εὔνηται πυρκαῖῆ Σάτυρος ἀλλ' εἴ που τινὰ πόντον ἀκούετε, πικρὸν ἐκεῖνον, τὸν πέλας αἰγονόμου κλυζόμενον Μυκάλας, κείνω δινήεντι καὶ ἀτρυγέτω ἔτι κεῖμαι ὕδατι, μαινομένω μεμφόμενος Βορέη.

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¹ Literally "at the season of the swelling."

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servant of fertile Demeter, and on his death he set me up on this tomb, an emblem of his calling. So he finds me ever heavy, in his work while he lived, and now he is dead, on his bones.

395.—MARCUS ARGENTARIUS

This is the cenotaph of Callaeschrus, whom the deep undid as he was crossing the Libyan main, then when the force of Orion at the stormy season 1 of his baneful setting 2 stirred the sea from its depths. The sea-monsters devoured his wave-tossed corpse, and the stone bears but this empty inscription.

396.—BIANOR OF BITHYNIA

THEBES is the tomb of the sons of Oedipus, but the all-destroying tomb feels their still living quarrel. Not even Hades subdued them, and by Acheron they still fight; even their tombs are foes and they dispute still on their funeral pyres.³ O children much to be pitied, who grasped spears never to be laid to rest.

397.—ERYCIUS OF THESSALY

This is not the tomb of spoor Satyrus; Satyrus sleeps not, as they tell, under the ashes of this pyre. But perchance ye have heard of a sea somewhere, the bitter sea that beats on the shore near Mycale where the wild-goats feed, and in that eddying and desert water yet I lie, reproaching furious Boreas.

² Early in November.

^{*} See No. 399 for the meaning of this.

398.—ANTITIATPOY

Οὐκ οἶδ' εἰ Διόνυσον ὀνόσσομαι, ἢ Διὸς ὅμβρον μέμψομ'· ὀλισθηροὶ δ' εἰς πόδας ἀμφότεροι. ἀγρόθε γὰρ κατιόντα Πολύξενον ἔκ ποτε δαιτὸς τύμβος ἔχει γλίσχρων ἐξεριπόντα λόφων· κεῖται δ' Αἰολίδος Σμύρνης ἐκάς. ἀλλά τις ὄρφνης δειμαίνοι μεθύων ἀτραπὸν ὑετίην.

399.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ

Τηλοτάτω χεύασθαι έδει τάφον Οιδιπόδαο παισιν άπ' άλλήλων, οις πέρας οὐδ' 'Αίδας' άλλά και είς 'Αχέροντος ένα πλόον ήρνήσαντο, χώ στυγερός ζώει κήν φθιμένοισιν "Αρης. ήνίδε πυρκαϊής άνισον φλόγα' δαιομένα γάρ έξ ένὸς είς δισσάν δῆριν ἀποστρέφεται.

400.—ΣΕΡΑΠΙΩΝΟΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΣ

Τοῦτ' ὀστεῦν φωτὸς πολυεργέος. ἢ ῥά τις ἦσθα ἔμπορος, ἢ τυφλοῦ κύματος ἰχθυβόλος. ἄγγειλου θνητοῖσιν ὅτι σπεύδοντες ἐς ἄλλας ἐλπίδας εἰς τοίην ἐλπίδα λυόμεθα.

401.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Τήνδ' ὑπὸ δύσβωλον θλίβει χθόνα φωτὸς ἀλιτροῦ οστέα μισητῆς τύμβος ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς, στέρνα τ' ἐποκριόεντα, καὶ οὐκ εὔοδμον ὀδόντων πρίονα, καὶ κώλων δούλιον οἰοπέδην,

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398.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

I know not whether to blame Bacchus or the rain; both are treacherous for the feet. For this tomb holds Polyxenus who once, returning from the country after a banquet, fell from the slippery hill-side. Far from Aeolian Smyrna he lies. Let everyone at night when drunk dread the rain-soaked path.

399.—ANTIPHILUS

FAR from each other should the tombs of Oedipus' sons have been built, for even Hades ends not their strife. They refused even to travel in one boat to the house of Acheron, and hateful Ares lives in them even now they are dead. Look at the uneven flame of their pyre, how it separates from one into two quarrelling tongues.

400.—SERAPION OF ALEXANDRIA

This bone is that of some man who laboured much. Either wast thou a merchant or a fisher in the blind, uncertain sea. Tell to mortals that eagerly pursuing other hopes we all rest at the end in the haven of such a hope.

401.—CRINAGORAS

The tomb above his odious head crushes the bones of the scoundrel who lies in this unhappy earth; it crushes the protruding breast and the unsavoury sawlike teeth and the servilely fettered legs and

ἄτριχα καὶ κόρσην, Εὐνικίδου ἡμιπύρωτα λείψαν, ἔτι χλωρῆς ἔμπλεα τηκεδόνος. χθων ὧ δυσνύμφευτε, κακοσκήνευς ἐπὶ τέφρης ἀνδρὸς μὴ κούφη κέκλισο, μηδ' ὀλίγη.

402.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Χειμερίου νιφετοίο περί θριγκοίσι τακέντος δωμα πεσον την γραθν έκτανε Λυσιδίκην σημα δέ οι κωμηται ομώλακες οὐκ ἀπ' ὀρυκτης γαίης, ἀλλ' αὐτον πύργον ἔθεντο τάφον.

403.--ΜΑΡΚΟΥ ΑΡΓΕΝΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Ψύλλος, ὁ τὰς ποθινὰς ἐπιμισθίδας αἰὲν ἑταίρας πέμπων ἐς τὰ νέων ἡδέα συμπόσια, οὖτος ὁ θηρεύων ἀταλόφρονας, ἐνθάδε κεῖται, αἰσχρὸν ἀπ' ἀνθρώπων μισθὸν ἐνεγκάμενος. ἀλλὰ λίθους ἐπὶ τύμβον, ὁδοιπόρε, μήτε σὰ βάλλε, τη ήτ' ἄλλον πείσης: σῆμα λέλογχε νέκυς. φεῖσαι δ' οὐχ ὅτι κέρδος ἐπήνεσεν, ἀλλ' ὅτι κοινὰς θρέψας, μοιχεύειν οὐκ ἐδίδαξε νέους.

404.—ΖΩΝΑ ΣΑΡΔΙΑΝΟΥ

Ψυχράν σευ κεφαλᾶς ἐπαμήσομαι αἰγιαλῖτιν θῖνα κατὰ κρυεροῦ χευάμενος νέκυος·
οὐ γάρ σευ μήτηρ ἐπιτύμβια κωκύουσα εἰδεν ἀλίξαντον σὸν μόρον εἰνάλιον·
ἀλλά σ' ἐρημαῖοί τε καὶ ἄξεινοι πλαταμῶνες 5 δέξαντ' Αἰγαίης γείτονες ἢιόνος·
ὥστ' ἔχε μὲν ψαμάθου μόριον βραχύ, πουλὺ δὲ δάκρυ, ξεῖν', ἐπεὶ εἰς ὀλοὴν ἔδραμες ἐμπορίην.

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hairless head, the half consumed remains of Eunicides still full of green putrescence. O earth, who hast espoused an evil bridegroom, rest not light or thinly-sprinkled on the ashes of the deformed being.¹

402.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

On the winter snow melting at the top of her house it fell in and killed old Lysidice. Her neighbours of the village did not make her a tomb of earth dug up for the purpose, but put her house itself over her as a tomb.

403.—MARCUS ARGENTARIUS

Psyllus, who used to take to the pleasant banquets of the young men the venal ladies that they desired, that hunter of weak girls, who earned a disgraceful wage by dealing in human flesh, lies here. But cast not thou stones at his tomb, wayfarer, nor bid another do so. He is dead and buried. Spare him, not because he was content to gain his living so, but because as keeper of common women he dissuaded young men from adultery.

404.—ZONAS OF SARDIS

On thy head I will heap the cold shingle of the beach, shedding it on thy cold corpse. For never did thy mother wail over thy tomb or see the seabattered body of her shipwrecked son. But the desert and inhospitable strand of the Aegean shore received thee. So take this little portion of sand, stranger, and many a tear; for fated was the journey on which thou didst set out to trade.

¹ cp. No. 380, an imitation of this.

408.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Ατρέμα τον τύμβον παραμείβετε, μη τον εν υπνω πικρον εγείρητε σφηκ' άναπαυόμενον. ἄρτι γαρ Ίππωνακτος ο και τοκέωνε βαύξας ἄρτι κεκοίμηται θυμος εν ήσυχίη. άλλα προμηθήσασθε· τὰ γὰρ πεπυρωμένα κείνου ρήματα πημαίνειν οίδε και εἰν 'Αίδη.

409.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ [ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ]

"Οβριμον ἀκαμάτου στίχον αἴνεσον 'Αντιμάχοιο, άξιον ἀρχαίων ὀφρύος ἡμιθέων, Πιερίδων χαλκευτὸν ἐπ' ἄκμοσιν, εἰ τορὸν οὖας ἔλλαχες, εἰ ζαλοῖς τὰν ἀγέλαστον ὅπα, εἰ τὰν ἄτριπτον καὶ ἀνέμβατον ἀτραπὸν ἄλλοις 5 μαίεαι. εἰ δ' ὕμνων σκᾶπτρον "Ομηρος ἔχει, καὶ Ζεύς τοι κρέσσων 'Ενοσίχθονος· ἀλλ' 'Ενοσίχθων τοῦ μὲν ἔφυ μείων, ἀθανάτων δ' ὕπατος· καὶ ναετὴρ Κολοφῶνος ὑπέζευκται μὲν 'Ομήρω, ἀγεῖται δ' ἄλλων πλάθεος ὑμνοπόλων. 10

410.-ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Θέσπις ὅδε, τραγικὴν δς ἀνέπλασε πρῶτος ἀοιδὴν κωμήταις νεαρὰς καινοτομῶν χαριτας, Βάκχος ὅτε τριετῆ ¹ κατάγοι χορόν, ῷ τράγος ἄθλων χώττικὸς ἢν σύκων ἄρριχος ἄθλον ἔτι. οἱ δὲ μεταπλάσσουσι νέοι τάδε· μυρίος αἰὼν πολλὰ προσευρήσει χἄτερα· τάμὰ δ' ἐμα.

1 Wilamowitz: τριθῦν MS.

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408.—LEONIDAS

Go quietly by the tomb, lest ye awake the malignant wasp that lies asleep; for only just has it been laid to rest, the spite of Hipponax that snarled even at his parents. Have a care then; for his verses, red from the fire, have power to hurt even in Hades.

409.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Praise the sturdy verse of tireless Antimachus, worthy of the majesty of the demigods of old, beaten on the anvil of the Muses, if thou art gifted with a keen ear, if thou aspirest to gravity of words, if thou wouldst pursue a path untrodden and unapproached by others. If Homer holds the sceptre of song, yet, though Zeus is greater than Poseidon, Poseidon his inferior is the chief of the immortals; so the Colophonian bows before Homer, but leads the crowd of other singers.

410.—DIOSCORIDES

I am Thespis, who first modelled tragic song, inventing a new diversion for the villagers, at the season when Bacchus led in the triennial chorus whose prize was still a goat and a basket of Attic figs. Now my juniors remodel all this; countless ages will beget many new inventions, but my own is mine.

411.—TOY AYTOY

Θέσπιδος εὔρεμα τοῦτο, τά τ' ἀγροιῶτιν ἀν' ὕλαν παίγνια, καὶ κώμους τούσδε, τελειοτέρους Αἰσχύλος ἐξύψωσεν, ὁ μὴ σμιλευτὰ χαράξας γράμματα, χειμάρρω δ' οἶα καταρδόμενα, καὶ τὰ κατὰ σκηνὴν μετεκαίνισεν. ὧ στόμα πάντη δεξιόν, ἀρχαίων ἦσθά τις ἡμιθέων.

412.—ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΟΥ

Πᾶσά τοι οἰχομένω, Πυλάδη, κωκύεται Ἑλλάς, ἄπλεκτον χαίταν ἐν χροὶ κειραμένα· αὐτὸς δ' ἀτμήτοιο κόμας ἀπεθ ήκατο δάφνας Φοῖβος, ἐὸν τιμῶν ἢ θέμις ὑμνοπόλον· Μοῦσαι δ' ἐκλαύσαντο· ῥόον δ' ἔστησεν ἀκούων ᾿Ασωπὸς γοερῶν ἢχον ἀπὸ στομάτων· ἔλληξεν δὲ μέλαθρα Διωνύσοιο χορείης, εὖτε σιδηρείην οἶμον ἔβης ᾿Αίδεω.

413.—ANTIHATPOT

Οὐχὶ βαθυστόλμων Ἱππαρχία ἔργα γυναικῶν, τῶν δὲ Κυνῶν ἐλόμαν ἡωμαλέον βίοτον· οὐδέ μοι ἀμπεχόναι περονήτιδες, οὐ βαθύπελμος εὐμαρίς, οὐ λιπόων εὔαδε κεκρύφαλος· οὐλὰς δὲ σκίπωνι συνέμπορος, ἄ τε συνωδὸς δίπλαξ, καὶ κοίτας βλῆμα χαμαιλεχέος. ἄμμι δὲ Μαιναλίας κάρρων †ἄμιν¹ ᾿Αταλάντας τόσσον, ὅσον σοφία κρέσσον ὀριδρομίας.

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1 Hecker suggests µvâµa, and I render so.

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411.-BY THE SAME

This invention of Thespis and the greenwood games and revels were raised to greater perfection by Aeschylus who carved letters not neatly chiselled, but as if water-worn by a torrent. In matters of the stage he was also an innovator. O mouth in every respect accomplished, thou wast one of the demigods of old!

412.—ALCAEUS OF MESSENE

Pylades, now thou art gone, all Hellas wails shearing her loosened hair, and Phoebus himself took off the laurels from his flowing locks, honouring his singer as is meet. The Muses wept and Asopus stayed his stream when he heard the voice of mourning. The dance of Dionysus ceased in the halls, when thou didst go down the iron road of Hades.

413.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

I, HIPPARCHIA,² chose not the tasks of amply-robed woman, but the manly life of the Cynics. Nor do tunics fastened with brooches and thick-soled slippers, and the hair-caul wet with ointment please me, but rather the wallet and its fellow-traveller the staff and the course double mantle suited to them, and a bed strewn on the ground. I shall have a greater name than that of Arcadian Atalanta by so much as wisdom is better than racing over the mountains.

¹ A celebrated actor.

² Wife of the Cynic Crates.

414.—ΝΟΣΣΙΔΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

Καὶ καπυρον γελάσας παραμείβεο, καὶ φίλον εἰπὼν ρημ' ἐπ' ἐμοί. 'Ρίνθων εἴμ' ὁ Συρακόσιος, Μουσάων ὀλίγη τις ἀηδονίς· ἀλλὰ φλυάκων ἐκ τραγικῶν ἴδιον κισσὸν ἐδρεψάμεθα.

415.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Βαττιάδεω παρὰ σῆμα φέρεις πόδας, εὖ μὲν ἀοιδὴν εἰδότος, εὖ δ' οἴνφ καίρια συγγελάσαι.

416.—AAAO

Εὐκράτεω Μελέαγρον έχω, ξένε, τὸν σὺν Ἐρωτι καὶ Μούσαις κεράσανθ' ἡδυλόγους Χάριτας.

417.--ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Νᾶσος ἐμὰ θρέπτειρα Τύρος· πάτρα δέ με τεκνοῖ 'Ατθὶς ἐν 'Ασσυρίοις ναιομένα, Γάδαρα· Εὐκράτεω δ' ἔβλαστον ὁ σὺν Μούσαις Μελέαγρος πρῶτα Μενιππείοις συντροχάσας Χάρισιν. εἰ δὲ Σύρος, τί τὸ θαῦμα; μίαν, ξένε, πατρίδα κόσμον 5 ναίομεν· ἐν θνατοὺς πάντας ἔτικτε Χάος.

πουλυετης δ' εχάραξα τάδ' εν δελτοισι προ τύμβου· γήρως γαρ γείτων εγγύθεν 'Αίδεω.

άλλά με τον λαλιον και πρεσβύτην προτιειπών χαίρειν, είς γήρας καὐτος ίκοιο λάλον.

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414.—NOSSIS

LAUGH frankly as thou passest by and speak a kind word over me. I am the Syracusan Rhintho, one of the lesser nightingales of the Muses; but from my tragic burlesques I plucked for myself a special wreath of ivy.

415.—CALLIMACHUS

This is the tomb of Callimachus that thou art passing. He could sing well, and laugh well at the right time over the wine.

416.—Anonymous

I HOLD, stranger, Meleager, son of Eucrates, who mixed the sweet-spoken Graces with Love and the Muses.

417.—MELEAGER

Island Tyre was my nurse, and Gadara, which is Attic,¹ but lies in Syria, gave birth to me. From Eucrates I sprung, Meleager, who first by the help of the Muses ran abreast of the Graces of Menippus.² If I am a Syrian, what wonder? Stranger, we dwell in one country, the world; one Chaos gave birth to all mortals. In my old age I wrote these lines in my tablets before my burial; for eld and death are near neighbours. Speak a word to wish me, the loquacious old man, well, and mayst thou reach a loquacious old age thyself.

1 As regards culture.

² He wrote besides his epigrams satires in which he imitated Menippus.

418.—TOY AYTOY

Πρώτα μοι Γαδάρων κλεινὰ πόλις ἔπλετο πάτρα, ἤνδρωσεν δ' ἱερὰ δεξαμένα με Τύρος· εἰς γῆρας δ' ὅτ' ἔβην, ὰ καὶ Δία θρεψαμένα Κῶς κὰμὲ θετὸν Μερόπων ἀστὸν ἐγηροτρόφει. Μοῦσαι δ' εἰν ὀλίγοις με, τὸν Εὐκράτεω Μελέαγρον παίδα, Μενιππείοις ἤγλάϊσαν Χάρισιν.

419.—TOY AYTOY

'Ατρέμας, ὧ ξένε, βαῖνε· παρ' εὐσεβέσιν γὰρ ὁ πρέσβυς εὕδει, κοιμηθεὶς ὕπνον ὀφειλόμενον, Εὐκράτεω Μελέαγρος, ὁ τὸν γλυκύδακρυν "Ερωτα καὶ Μούσας ἱλαραῖς συστολίσας Χάρισιν· ὁν θεόπαις ἤνδρωσε Τύρος Γαδάρων θ' ἱερὰ χθών· 5 Κῶς δ' ἐρατὴ Μερόπων πρέσβυν ἐγηροτρόφει. ἀλλ' εἰ μὲν Σύρος ἐσσί, Σάλαμ· εἰ δ' οὖν σύ γε Φοῖνιξ, Ναίδιος· εἰ δ' "Ελλην, Χαῖρε· τὸ δ' αὐτὸ φράσον.

420.-ΔΙΟΤΙΜΟΥ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΥ

'Ελπίδες ἀνθρώπων, ελαφραλ θεαί—οὐ γὰρ αν ὧδε Λέσβον' ὁ λυσιμελής ἀμφεκάλυψ' 'Αίδης, ὅς ποτε καὶ βασιληῖ συνέδραμε,—ναλ μετ' Έρώτων χαίρετε κουφόταται δαίμονες ἀθανάτων. αὐλοὶ δ' ἄφθεγκτοι καὶ ἀπευθέες, οἶς ἐνέπνευσε, κεῖσθ', ἐπεὶ οὐ θιάσους . . . οἶδ' 'Αχέρων.

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¹ Ptolemy Philadelphus, who was brought up in Cos; cf. Theorr. 17. 58.

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418.-By THE SAME

My first country was famous Gadara; then Tyre received me and brought me up to manhood. When I reached old age, Cos, which nurtured Zeus, made me one of her Meropian citizens and cared for my declining years. But the Muses adorned me, Meleager, son of Eucrates, more than most men with the Graces of Menippus.

419. -BY THE SAME

Go noiselessly by, stranger; the old man sleeps among the pious dead, wrapped in the slumber that is the lot of all. This is Meleager, the son of Eucrates, who linked sweet tearful Love and the Muses with the merry Graces. Heavenborn Tyre and Gadara's holy soil reared him to manhood, and beloved Cos of the Meropes tended his old age. If you are a Syrian, Salam! if you are a Phoenician, Naidius *! if you are a Greek, Chaire! (Hail) and say the same yourself.

420.—DIOTIMUS OF ATHENS

YE Hopes of men, light goddesses—for never, were ye not so, had Hades, who bringeth our strength to naught, covered Lesbon, once as blest as the Great King—yea, ye Hopes and ye Loves too, lightest of all deities, farewell! And ye, the flutes he once breathed in, must lie dumb and unheard; for Acheron knoweth no troops of musicians.

² The city of Cos, to distinguish it from an earlier capital of the island, was known as Cos Meropis.

³ This Phoenician word for "Hail" is uncertain. Plautus gives it as "haudoni."

421.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Αἰνιγματῶδες

Πτανέ, τί σοὶ σιβύνης, τί δὲ καὶ συὸς εὔαδε δέρμα; καὶ τίς ἐων στάλας σύμβολον ἐσσὶ τίνος; οὐ γὰρ Ερωτ' ἐνέπω σε—τί γάρ; νεκύεσσι πάροικος ίμερος; αἰάζειν ὁ θρασὺς οὐκ ἔμαθεν οὐδὲ μὲν οὐδ' αὐτὸν ταχύπουν Κρόνον ἔμπαλι γάρ δή 5 κείνος μὲν τριγέρων, σοὶ δὲ τέθηλε μέλη. άλλ' άρα, ναὶ δοκέω γάρ, ὁ γᾶς ὑπένερθε σοφιστὰς έστί σὺ δ' ὁ πτερόεις, τοὔνομα τοῦδε, λόγος. Λατώας δ' άμφηκες έχεις γέρας, ές τε γέλωτα καὶ σπουδάν, καί που μέτρον έρωτογράφον. 10 ναλ μεν δη Μελέαγρον ομώνυμον Οινέος υίω σύμβολα σημαίνει ταθτα συοκτασίης. γαίρε καὶ ἐν φθιμένοισιν, ἐπεὶ καὶ Μοῦσαν "Ερωτι καί Χάριτας σοφίαν είς μίαν ήρμόσαο.

422.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Τί στοχασώμεθά σου, Πεισίστρατε, χίον δρώντες γλυπτὸν ὑπὲρ τύμβου κείμενον ἀστράγαλου; ἢ ρά γε μὴ ὅτι Χίος; ἔοικε γάρ· ἤ ρ΄ ὅτι παίκτας ἡσθά τις, οὐ λίην ζ, ὦ 'γαθέ, πλειστοβόλος; ἢ τὰ μὲν οὐδὲ σύνεγγυς, ἐν ἀκρήτῳ δὲ κατέσβης Χίω; ναὶ δοκέω, τῷδε προσηγγίσαμεν.

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423.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τὰν μὲν ἀεὶ πολύμυθον, ἀεὶ λάλον, ὡ ξένε, κίσσα φάσει, τὰν δὲ μέθας σύντροφον ἄδε κύλιξ,

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 421-423

421.—MELEAGER

An enigmatic epitaph on himself

Thou with the wings, what pleasure hast thou in the hunting spear and boar-skin? Who art thou, and the emblem of whose tomb? For Love I cannot call thee. What! doth Desire dwell next the dead? No! the bold boy never learnt to wail. Nor yet art thou swift-footed Cronos; on the contrary. he is as old as old can be, and thy limbs are in the bloom of youth. Then-yes, I think I am righthe beneath the earth was a sophist, and thou art the winged word for which he was famed. The doubleedged attribute of Artemis 1 thou bearest in allusion to his laughter mixed with gravity and perhaps to the metre of his love verses. Yea, in truth, these symbols of boar-slaying point to his name-sake, Meleager, son of Oeneus. Hail, even among the dead, thou who didst fit together into one work of wisdom, Love, the Muses and the Graces.

422.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

What shall we conjecture about you, Pisistratus, when we see a Chian die carved on your tomb? Shall we not say that you were a Chian? That seems probable. Or shall we say that you were a gamester and not a particularly lucky one, my friend? Or are we still far from the truth, and was your life's light put out by Chian wine? Yes, I think now we are near it.

423.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

THE jay, stranger, will tell you I was ever a woman of many words, ever talkative, and the cup

1 The hunting spear.

² The worst cast of the dice was called Chian.

τὰν Κρῆσσαν δὲ τὰ τόξα, τὰ δ' εἴρια τὰν φιλοεργόν, ἄνδεμα δ' αὖ μίτρας τὰν πολιοκρόταφον· τοιάνδε σταλοῦχος ὅδ' ἔκρυφε Βιττίδα τύμβος †τιμελάχραντον νυμφιδίαν ἄλοχον. ἀλλ', ὧνερ, καὶ χαῖρε, καὶ οἰχομένοισιν ἐς ἄδαν τὰν αὐτὰν μύθων αὖθις ὅπαζε χάριν.

424.—TOY AYTOY

α. Μαστεύω τί σευ 'Αγις ἐπὶ σταλίτιδι πέτρα,
Λυσιδίκα, γλυπτὸν τόνδ' ἐχάραξε νόον
ἀνία γὰρ καὶ κημός, ὅ τ' εὐόρνιθι Τανάγρα
οἰωνὸς βλαστών, θοῦρος ἐγερσιμάχας,
οὐχ ἄδεν οὐδ' ἐπέοικεν ὑπωροφίαισι γυναιξίν,
ἀλλὰ τὰ τ' ἠλακάτας ἔργα τά θ' ἰστοπόδων.
β. Τὰν μὲν ἀνεγρομέναν με ποτ' εἴρια νύκτερος ὅρνις,
ἀνία δ' αὐδάσει δώματος ἁνίοχον
ἱππαστὴρ δ' ὅδε κημὸς ἀείσεται οὐ πολύμυθον,

425.—TOY AYTOY

οὐ λάλον, ἀλλὰ καλᾶς ἔμπλεον ἀσυχίας.

Μὴ θάμβει, μάστιγα Μυροῦς ἐπὶ σάματι λεύσσων, γλαῦκα, βιόν, χαροπὰν χᾶνα, θοὰν σκύλακα. τόξα μὲν αὐδάσει με πανεύτονον ἀγέτιν οἰκου, ά δὲ κύων τέκνων ἦνήσια καδομέναν μάστιξ δ' οὐκ ὀλοάν, ξένε, δεσπότιν, οὐδ' ἀγέρωχον δ δμωσί, κολάστειραν δ' ἔνδικον ἀμπλακίας χὰν δὲ δόμων φυλακᾶς μελεδήμονα τὰν δ' ἄ<ρ' ἄγρυπνον>

γλαὺξ ἄδε γλαυκᾶς Παλλάδος ἀμφίπολου. τοιοῖσδ' ἀμφ' ἔργοισιν ἐγάθεον ἔνθεν ὅμευνος τοιάδ' ἐμᾶ στάλα σύμβολα τεῦξε Βίτων.

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that I was of a convivial habit. The bow proclaims me Cretan, the wool a good workwoman, and the snood that tied up my hair shows that I was greyheaded. Such was the Bittis that this tomb with its stele covers, the wedded wife of But, hail, good sir, and do us who are gone to Hades the favour to bid us hail likewise in return.

424.—By THE SAME

A. "I skek to discover what the meaning of these carvings is that Agis made upon your stele, Lysidice. For the reins and muzzle and the bird who comes from Tanagra celebrated for its fowls, the bold awaker of battles, such are not things that please or become sedentary women, but rather the works of the spindle and the loom." B. "The bird of the night proclaims me one who rises in the night to work, the reins tell that I directed my house, and this horse's muzzle that I was not fond of many words and talkative, but full of admirable silence."

425.—By THE SAME

Do not wonder at seeing on Myro's tomb a whip, an owl, a bow, a grey goose and a swift bitch. The bow proclaims that I was the strict well-strung directress of my house, the bitch that I took true care of my children, the whip that I was no cruel or overbearing mistress, but a just chastiser of faults, the goose that I was a careful guardian of the house, and this owl that I was a faithful servant of owl-eyed Pallas. Such were the things in which I took delight, wherefore my husband Biton carved these emblems on my grave-stone.

426.—TOY AYTOY

 Εἰπέ, λέων, φθιμένοιο τίνος τάφον ἀμφιβέβηκας, βουφάγε; τίς τᾶς σᾶς ἄξιος ἦν ἀρετᾶς;

βουφαγε; τις τας σας αξιος ην αρετας; β. Υίδς Θευδώροιο Τελευτίας, δς μέγα πάντων φέρτερος ην, θηρων όσσον έγω κέκριμαι. οὐχὶ μάταν έστακα, φέρω δέ τι σύμβολον ἀλκᾶς δ ἀνέρος· ην γὰρ δη δυσμενέεσσι λέων.

427.—TOY AYTOY

'Α στάλα, φέρ' ἴδω, τίν' ἔχει νέκυν. άλλὰ δέδορκα γράμμα μὲν οὐδέν πω τμαθὲν ὕπερθε λίθου, ἐννέα δ' ἀστραγάλους πεπτηότας. ὧν πίσυρες μὲν πρᾶτοι 'Αλεξάνδρου μαρτυρέουσι βόλον, οἱ δὲ τὸ τᾶς νεότατος ἐφήλικος ἄνθος, "Εφηβον, εἰς δ' ὅ γε μανύει Χῖον ἀφαυρότερον. ἢ ῥα τόδ' ἀγγέλλοντι, καὶ ὁ σκάπτροισι μεγαυχὴς χὼ θάλλων ἥβα τέρμα τὸ μηδὲν ἔχει; ἢ τὸ μὲν οὕ· δοκέω δὲ ποτὶ σκοπὸν ἰθὺν ἐλάσσειν ἰόν, Κρηταιεὺς ὥς τις ὀϊστοβόλος.

10 ἢς ὁ θανὼν Χῖος μέν, 'Αλεξάνδρου δὲ λελογχὼς οὔνομ', ἐφηβαίη δ' ὥλετ' ἐν άλικία.
ὡς εὖ τὸν φθίμενον νέον ἄκριτα καὶ τὸ κυβευθὲν πνεῦμα δι' ἀφθέγκτων εἶπέ τις ἀστραγάλων.

428.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Είς 'Αντίπατρον τὸν Σιδώνιον

'Α στάλα, σύνθημα τί σοι γοργωπὸς ἀλέκτωρ ἔστα, καλλαίνα σκαπτοφόρος πτέρυγι, ποσσὶν ὑφαρπάζων Νίκας κλάδον; ἄκρα δ' ἐπ' αὐτᾶς βαθμίδος προπεσὼν κέκλιται ἀστράγαλος.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 426-428

426.—BY THE SAME

A. "Tell, lion, thou slayer of kine, on whose tomb thou standest there and who was worthy of thy valour." B. "Teleutias, the son of Theodorus, who was far the most valiant of men, as I am judged to be of beasts. Not in vain stand I here, but I emblem the prowess of the man, for he was indeed a lion to his enemies."

427.—BY THE SAME

Come let us see who lies under this stone. But I see no inscription cut on it, only nine cast dice, of which the first four represent the throw called Alexander, the next four that called Ephebus—the bloom of youthful maturity—and the one the more unlucky throw called Chian. Is their message this, that both the proud sceptred potentate and the young man in his flower end in nothing, or is that not so?—I think now like a Cretan archer I shall shoot straight at the mark. The dead man was a Chian, his name was Alexander and he died in youth. How well one told through dumb dice of the young man dead by ill-chance and the life staked and lost!

428.—MELEAGER

On Antipater of Sidon

Tell me, thou stone, why does this bright-eyed cock stand on thee as an emblem, bearing a sceptre in his lustred wing and seizing in his claws the branch of victory, while cast at the very edge of the

ἢ ῥά γε νικάεντα μάχα σκαπτοῦχον ἄνακτα 5 κρύπτεις; άλλα τί σοι παίγνιον άστράγαλος: πρός δέ, τί λιτός ὁ τύμβος; ἐπιπρέπει ἀνδρὶ πενιχρῷ, όρνιθος κλαγγαίς νυκτός άνεγρομένω. οὐ δοκέω σκᾶπτρον γὰρ ἀναίνεται. ἀλλὰ σὺ κεύθεις άθλοφόρου, νίκαν ποσσίν ἀειράμενον. 10 οὐ ψαύω καὶ τῆδε· τί γὰρ ταχὺς εἴκελος ἀνὴρ ἀστραγάλω; νῦν δὴ τώτρεκὲς ἐφρασάμαν φοινιξ οὐ νίκαν ἐνέπει, πάτραν δὲ μεγαυχή ματέρα Φοινίκων, ταν πολύπαιδα Τύρον όρνις δ', όττι γεγωνός άνήρ, καί που περί Κύπριν πράτος κήν Μούσαις ποικίλος ύμνοθέτας. σκάπτρα δ' έχει σύνθημα λόγου θνάσκειν δέ πεσόντα οίνοβρεχή, προπετής έννέπει άστράγαλος. καλ δη σύμβολα ταῦτα τὸ δ' οὔνομα πέτρος ἀείδει, Αντίπατρον, προγόνων φύντ' ἀπ' ἐρισθενέων. 20

429.—ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΟΥ

Δίζημαι κατὰ θυμὸν ὅτου χάριν ά παροδίτις δισσάκι φῖ μοῦνον γράμμα λέλογχε πέτρος, λαοτύποις σμίλαις κεκολαμμένον. ἄρα γυναικὶ τῷ χθονὶ κευθομένᾳ Χιλιὰς ἢν ὄνομα; τοῦτο γὰρ ἀγγέλλει κορυφούμενος εἰς ἐν ἀριθμός. ὅ ἢ τὸ μὲν εἰς ὀρθὰν ἀτραπὸν οὐκ ἔμολεν, ά δ' οἰκτρὸν ναίουσα τόδ' ἠρίον ἔπλετο Φιδίς; νῦν σφιγγὸς γρίφους Οἰδίπος ἐφρασάμην. αἰνετὸς οὐκ δισσοῖο καμὰν αἴνιγμα τύποιο, φέγγος μὲν ξυνετοῖς, ἀξυνέτοις δ' ἔρεβος 10

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base lies a die? Dost thou cover some sceptred king victorious in battle? But why the die thy plaything? And besides, why is the tomb so simple? It would suit a poor man woke up o'nights by the crowing of the cock. But I don't think that is right, for the sceptre tells against it. Then you cover an athlete, a winner in the foot-race? No. I don't hit it off so either, for what resemblance does a swift-footed man bear to a die? Now I have it: the palm does not mean victory, but prolific Tyre, the proud mother of palms, was the dead man's birthplace: the cock signifies that he was a man who made himself heard, a champion too I suppose in love matters and a versatile songster. The sceptre he holds is emblematic of his speech and the die cast wide means that in his cups he fell and died. Well, these are symbols, but the stone tells us his name. Antipater, descended from most puissant ancestors

429.—ALCAEUS OF MITYLENE

I ASK myself why this road-side stone has only two phis chiselled on it. Was the name of the woman who is buried here Chilias? The number which is the sum of the two letters points to this. Or am I astray in this guess and was the name of her who dwells in this mournful tomb Phidis? Now am I the Oedipus who has solved the sphinx's riddle. He deserves praise, the man who made this puzzle out of two letters, a light to the intelligent and darkness to the unintelligent.

¹ φ stands for 500. ² i.e. φ δίs, twice φ.

430.-ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Τίς τὰ νεοσκύλευτα ποτὶ δρυὶ τῷδε καθᾶψεν ἔντεα; τῷ πέλτα Δωρὶς ἀναγράφεται; πλάθει γὰρ Θυρεᾶτις ὑφ' αἴματος ἄδε λοχιτᾶν, χἄμες ὰπ' ᾿Αργείων τοὶ δύο λειπόμεθα. πάντα νέκυν μάστευε δεδουπότα, μή τις, ἔτ' ἔμπνους 5 λειπόμενος, Σπάρτα κῦδος ἔλαμψε νόθον. ἔσχε βάσιν. νίκα γὰρ ἐπ' ἀσπίδος ὧδε Λακώνων φωνεῖται θρόμβοις αἵματος ᾿Οθρυάδα, χὼ τόδε μοχθήσας σπαίρει πέλας. ἄ πρόπατορ Ζεῦ, στύξον ἀνικάτω σύμβολα φυλόπιδος.

431.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ, οί δὲ ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Οΐδε τριηκόσιοι, Σπάρτα πατρί, τοις συναρίθμοις Ἰναχίδαις Θυρεᾶν ἀμφὶ μαχεσσάμενοι, αὐχένας οὐ στρέψαντες, ὅπᾳ ποδὸς ἔχνια πρᾶτον άρμόσαμεν, ταύτᾳ καὶ λίπομεν βιοτάνν ἄρσενι δ' Ὁθρυάδαο φόνῳ κεκαλυμμένον ὅπλον 5 καρύσσει· "Θυρέα, Ζεῦ, Λακεδαιμονίων." αἰ δέ τις ᾿Αργείων ἔφυγεν μόρον, ἢς ἀπ' ᾿Αδράστου· Σπάρτᾳ δ' οὐ τὸ θανεῖν, ἀλλὰ φυγεῖν θάνατος.

432.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

'Ω Λακεδαιμόνιοι, τον ἀρήϊον ὕμμιν ὁ τύμβος Γύλλιν ὑπὲρ Θυρέας οὖτος ἔχει φθίμενον, ἄνδρας δς Άργείων τρεῖς ἔκτανε, καὶ τόδ' ἔειπεν· "Τεθιαίην Σπάρτας ἄξια μησάμενος."

¹ This refers to the celebrated fight at Thyreae between three hundred Argives and as many Spartans. Two Argives survived at the end, who, thinking all the Spartans dead, went off to announce the victory; but the Spartan Othryadas

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430.—DIOSCORIDES

Who hung the newly-stripped arms on this oak? By whom is the Dorian shield inscribed? For this land of Thyrea is soaked with the blood of champions and we are the only two left of the Argives. Seek out every fallen corpse, lest any left alive illuminate Sparta in spurious glory. Nay! stay thy steps, for here on the shield the victory of the Spartans is announced by the clots of Othryadas' blood, and he who wrought this still gasps hard by. O Zeus our ancestor, look with loathing on those tokens of a victory that was not won.

431.—Anonymous, some say by SIMONIDES

We the three hundred, O Spartan fatherland, fighting for Thyrea with as many Argives, never turning our necks, died there where we first planted our feet. The shield, covered with the brave blood of Othryadas proclaims "Thyrea, O Zeus, is the Lacedemonians'." But if any Argive escaped death he was of the race of Adrastus.² For a Spartan to fly, not to die, is death.

432.—DAMAGETUS

O Spartans, the tomb holds your martial Gyllis who fell for Thyrea. He killed three Argives, and exclaimed, "Let me die having wrought a deed worthy of Sparta."

remained on the field and, according at least to this epigram, the next, and No. 526, erected a trophy and inscribed it with his blood.

² The only one of the seven Argive leaders who returned from Thebes.

433.—ΤΥΜΝΕΩ

Τον παραβάντα νόμους Δαμάτριον έκτανε μάτηρ ά Λακεδαιμονία τον Λακεδαιμόνιον. θηκτον δ' εν προβολά θεμένα ξίφος, εἶπεν, οδόντα όξὸν ἐπιβρύκουσ', οἶα Λάκαινα γυνά· "Έρρε κακὸν σκυλάκευμα, κακὰ μερίς, ἔρρε ποθ' ἄδαν, ἔρρε· τὸν οὐ Σπάρτας ἄξιον οὐδ' ἔτεκον."

434.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Εἰς δητων πέμψασα λόχους Δημαινέτη ὀκτὰ παίδας, ὑπὸ στήλη πάντας ἔθαπτε μιᾳ. δάκρυα δ' οὐκ ἔρρηξ' ἐπὶ πένθεσιν· ἀλλὰ τόδ' εἶπεν μοῦνον· "Ἰώ, Σπάρτα, σοὶ τέκνα ταῦτ' ἔτεκον."

435.-ΝΙΚΑΝΔΡΟΥ

Εὐπυλίδας, Ἐράτων, Χαῖρις, Λύκος, ᾿Αγις, ᾿Αλέξων, εξ Ἰφικρατίδα παῖδες, ἀπωλόμεθα Μεσσάνας ὑπὸ τεῖχος ὁ δ᾽ ἔβδομος ἄμμε Γύλιππος ἐν πυρὶ θεὶς μεγάλαν ἢλθε φέρων σποδιάν, Σπάρτα μὲν μέγα κῦδος, ᾿Αλεξίππα δὲ μέγ᾽ ἄχθος το ματρί τὸ δ᾽ ἐν πάντων καὶ καλὸν ἐντάφιον.

436.—ΗΓΕΜΟΝΟΣ

Είποι τις παρὰ τύμβον ἰὼν ἀγέλαστος ὁδίτας τοῦτ' ἔπος· "'Ογδώκοντ' ἐνθάδε μυριάδας Σπάρτας χίλιοι ἄνδρες ἐπέσχον λήματι Περσῶν, καὶ θάνον ἀστρεπτεί· Δώριος ὰ μελέτα."

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 433-436

433.—TYMNES

His Spartan mother slew the Spartan Demetrius for transgressing the law. Bringing her sharp sword to the guard, she said, gnashing her teeth, like a Laconian woman as she was: "Perish, craven whelp, evil piece, to Hell with thee! He who is not worthy of Sparta is not my son."

434.—DIOSCORIDES

DEMAENETA sent eight sons to encounter the phalanx of the foes, and she buried them all beneath one stone. No tear did she shed in her mourning, but said this only: "Ho! Sparta, I bore these children for thee."

435.—NICANDER

We the six sons of Iphicratides, Eupylidas, Eraton, Chaeris, Lycus, Agis, and Alexon fell before the wall of Messene, and our seventh brother Gylippus having burnt our bodies came home with a heavy load of ashes, a great glory to Sparta, but a great grief to Alexippa our mother. One glorious shroud wrapped us all.

436.—HEGEMON

Some stranger passing gravely by the tomb might say, "Here a thousand Spartans arrested by their valour the advance of eighty myriads of Persians, and died without turning their backs. That is Dorian discipline."

437.—ΦΑΕΝΝΟΥ

Οὐκ ἔτλας, ὅριστε Λεωνίδα, αὖτις ἰκέσθαι Εὐρώταν, χαλεπῷ σπερχόμενος πολέμῳ· ἀλλ' ἐπὶ Θερμοπύλαισι τὸ Περσικὸν ἔθνος ἀμύνων ἐδμάθης, πατέρων ἀζόμενος νόμιμα.

438.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

"Ωλεο δη πατέρων περὶ ληίδα καὶ σύ, Μαχάτα, δριμὺν ἐπ' Αἰτωλοῖς ἀντιφέρων πόλεμον, πρωθήβας· χαλεπὸν γὰρ 'Αχαιϊκὸν ἄνδρα νοῆσαι ἄλκιμον, εἰς πολιὰν ὅστις ἔμεινε τρίχα.

439.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Οὕτω δὴ Πύλιον τὸν ᾿Αγήνορος, ἄκριτε Μοῖρα, πρώϊον ἐςς ήβας ἔθρισας Αἰολέων, Κῆρας ἐπισσεύσασα βίου κύνας. ὧ πόποι, ἀνὴρ οἶος ἀμειδήτω κεῖται ἕλωρ ᾿Αίδη.

440.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

'Ηρίου, οίον νυκτὶ καταφθιμένοιο καλύπτεις όστέον, οίην, γαι', ἀμφέχανες κεφαλήν, πολλὸν μὲν ξανθαισιν ἀρεσκομένου Χαρίτεσσι, πολλον ε ἐν μνήμη πασιν 'Αριστοκράτευς. ἤδει 'Αριστοκράτης καὶ μείλιχα δημολογήσαι, [στρεβλὴν οὐκ ὀφρὺν ἐσθλὸς ἐφελκόμενος ἤδει καὶ Βάκχοιο παρὰ κρητῆρος ἄδηριν] ἰθῦναι κείνην εὐκύλικα λαλιήν ἤδει καὶ ξείνοισι καὶ ἐνδήμοισι προσηνέα ἔρδειν. γαι' ἐρατή, τοιον ἔχεις φθίμενον.

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BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 437-440

437.—PHAENNUS

LEONIDAS, bravest of men, thou couldst not endure to return to the Eurotas when sore pressed by the war, but in Thermopylae resisting the Persians thou didst fall reverencing the usage of thy fathers.

438.—DAMAGETUS

In thy first youth thou didst perish too, Machatas, grimly facing the Aetolians in the portion of thy fathers. It is hard to find a brave Achaean who hath survived till his hairs are grey.

439.—THEODORIDAS

Undiscerning Fate, hounding on thy pack of demons that hunt life, thus thou hast cut off from the Aeolian youth before his time Pylius the son of Agenor. Ye gods, what a man lies low, the spoil of sombre Hades!

440.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

O TOMB, what a man was he, the dead whose bones thou dost hide in the night: O earth, what a head thou hast engulphed! Very pleasing was Aristocrates to the flaxen-haired Graces? much is his memory treasured by all. Aristocrates could converse sweetly, without a frown, and over the wine he could guide well the convivial flow of talk; and well he knew how to confer kindness on compatriots and strangers. Such, beloved earth, is the dead who is thine.

¹ The bracketed verses which I render only summarily are supplied by Planudes and probably not genuine.

441.--ΑΡΧΙΛΟΧΟΥ

'Υψηλούς Μεγάτιμον 'Αριστοφόωντά τε Νάξου κίονας, ὧ μεγάλη γαΐ', ὑπένερθεν ἔχεις.

442.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Εὐθυμάχων ἀνδρῶν μνησώμεθα, τῶν ὅδε τύμβος, οἱ θάνον εὔμηλον ῥυόμενοι Τεγέαν, αἰχμηταὶ πρὸ πόληος, ἵνα σφίσι μὴ καθέληται Ἑλλὰς ἀποφθιμένου κρατὸς ἐλευθερίαν.

443.—TOY AYTOY

Τῶνδε ποτὲ στέρνοισι τανυγλώχινας ὀϊστοὺς λοῦσεν φοινίσσα θοῦρος ᾿Αρης ψακάδι. ἀντὶ δ᾽ ἀκοντοδόκων ἀνδρῶν μνημεῖα θανόντων. ἄψυχ᾽ ἐμψύχων, ἄδε κέκευθε κόνις.

444.—@EAITHTOT

Χείματος οἰνωθέντα τὸν 'Ανταγόρεω μέγαν οἶκον ἐκ νυκτῶν ἔλαθεν πῦρ ὑπονειμάμενον· ὀγδώκοντα δ' ἀριθμὸν ἐλεύθεροι ἄμμιγα δούλοις τῆς ἐχθρῆς ταύτης πυρκαϊῆς ἔτυχον. οὐκ εἰχον διελεῖν προσκηδέες ὀστέα χωρίς· ξυνὴ δ' ἢν κάλπις, ξυνὰ δὲ τὰ κτέρεα· εἰς καὶ τύμβος ἀνέστη· ἀτὰρ τὸν ἔκαστον ἐκείνων οἶδε καὶ ἐν τέφρη ῥηῖδίως 'Αἴδης.

445.—ΠΕΡΣΟΥ ΘΗΒΑΙΟΥ

Μαντιάδας, & ξείνε, καὶ Εὔστρατος, υἶες Ἐχέλλου. Δυμαῖοι, κραναἢ κείμεθ' ἐνὶ ξυλόχω, ἄγραυλοι γενεῆθεν ὀροιτύποι. οἱ δ' ἐπὶ τύμβω. μανυταὶ τέχνας, δουροτόμοι πελέκεις.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 441-445

441.—ARCHILOCHUS

GREAT earth, thou hast beneath thee the tall pillars of Naxos, Megatimus and Aristophon.

442.—SIMONIDES

Let us ever remember the men whose tomb this is, who turned not from the battle but fell in arms before their city, defending Tegea rich in flocks, that Greece should never strip from their dead heads the crown of freedom.

443.-By THE SAME

ONCE in the breasts of these men did Ares wash with red rain his long-barbed arrows. Instead of men who stood and faced the shafts this earth covers memorials of the dead, lifeless memorials of their living selves.

444.—THEAETETUS

The secretly creeping flames, on a winter night, when all were heavy with wine, consumed the great house of Antagoras. Free men and slaves together, eighty in all, perished on this fatal pyre. Their kinsmen could not separate their bones, but one common urn, one common funeral was theirs, and one tomb was erected over them. Yet readily can Hades distinguish each of them in the ashes.

445.—PERSES OF THEBES

WE lie, stranger, in the rough woodland, Mantiades and Eustratus of Dyme, the sons of Echellus, rustic wood-cutters as our fathers were; and to shew our calling the woodman's axes stand on our tomb.

446.—ΗΓΗΣΙΠΠΟΥ

Έρμιονεὺς ὁ ξεῖνος, ἐν ἀλλοδαπῶν δὲ τέθαπται, Ζωΐλος, ᾿Αργείαν γαῖαν ἐφεσσάμενος, ἃν ἐπί οἱ βαθύκολπος ἀμάσατο δάκρυσι νύμφα λειβομένα, παῖδές τ᾽ εἰς χρόα κειράμενοι.

447.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Σύντομος ἡν ὁ ξεῖνος· ὁ καὶ στίχος· οὐ μακρὰ λέξω· "Θῆρις 'Αρισταίου, Κρὴς" ἐπ' ἐμοὶ δόλιχος.

448,-ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Πραταλίδα τὸ μνᾶμα Λυκαστίω, ἄκρου ἐρώτων εἰδότος, ἄκρα μάχας, ἄκρα λινοστασίας, ἄκρα χοροιτυπίας. χθόνιοι, <Μίνωϊ τὸν ἄνδρα> τοῦτον, Κρηταιεῖς Κρῆτα, παρφκίσατε.

449.—ΑΛΛΟ

Πραταλίδα παιδείον "Ερως πόθον, "Αρτεμις ἄγραν, Μοῦσα χορούς, "Αρης ἐγγυάλιξε μάχαν. πῶς οὐκ εὐαίων ὁ Λυκάστιος, δς καὶ ἔρωτι ἄρχε καὶ ἐν μολπά, καὶ δορὶ καὶ στάλικι;

450.— ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Της Σαμίης τὸ μνημα Φιλαινίδος· ἀλλὰ προσειπεῖν τληθί με, καὶ στήλης πλησίου, ὧνερ, ἴθι. οὐκ εἴμ' ἡ τὰ γυναιξὶν ἀναγράψασα προσάντη ἔργα, καὶ Αἰσχύνην οὐ νομίσασα θεόν·

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 446-450

446.—HEGESIPPUS

The stranger is Zoilus of Hermione, but he lies buried in a foreign land, clothed in this Argive earth, which his deep-bosomed wife, her cheeks bedewed with tears, and his children, their hair close cut, heaped on him.

447.—CALLIMACHUS

The stranger was brief; so shall the verse be. I will not tell a long story "Theris Aristaeus' son, a Cretan."—For me it is too long.

448.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

The tomb is that of Protalidas of Lycastus who was supreme in love, war, the chase and the dance. Ye judges of the under-world, yourselves Cretans, ye have taken the Cretan to your company.

449.—Anonymous

Love gave to Protalidas success in the pursuit of his boy loves, Artemis in the chase, the Muse in the dance and Ares in war. Must we not call him blest, the Lycastian supreme in love and song, with the spear and the hunting net!

450.—DIOSCORIDES

The tomb is that of Samian Philaenis; but be not ashamed, Sir, to speak to me and to approach the stone. I am not she who wrote those works offensive to ladies, and who did not acknowledge Modesty to

άλλὰ φιλαιδήμων, ναὶ ἐμὸν τάφον· εἰ δέ τις ἡμέας αἰσχύνων λαμυρὴν ἔπλασεν ἱστορίην, τοῦ μὲν ἀναπτύξαι χρόνος οὖνομα· τάμὰ δὲ λυγρὴν ὀστέα τερφθείη κληδόν ἀπωσαμένης.

451.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Τάδε Σάων ὁ Δίκωνος 'Ακάνθιος ίερὸν ὕπνον κοιμάται. Θνάσκειν μὴ λέγε τοὺς ἀγαθούς.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, i. p. 36.

452.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Μεμνησθ' Εὐβούλοιο σαόφρονος, & παριόντες. πίνωμεν· κοινὸς πᾶσι λιμὴν 'Αίδης.

453.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Δωδεκέτη τὸν παῖδα πατηρ ἀπέθηκε Φίλιππος ἐνθάδε, την πολλην ἐλπίδα, Νικοτέλην.

454.—TOY AYTOY

Τον βαθύν οίνοπότην Ἐρασίξενον ή δὶς ἐφεξῆς άκρήτου προποθεῖσ' ἄχετ' ἔχουσα κύλιξ.

455.— ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Μαρωνὶς ἡ φίλοινος, ἡ πίθων σποδός, ἐνταῦθα κεῖται γρῆϋς, ἡς ὑπὲρ τάφου γνωστὸν πρόκειται πᾶσιν ᾿Αττικὴ κύλιξ. στένει δὲ καὶ γᾶς νέρθεν, οὐχ ὑπὲρ τέκνων, οὐδ᾽ ἀνδρός, οὺς λέλοιπεν ἐνδεεῖς βίου ἐν δ᾽ ἀντὶ πάντων, οὕνεχ᾽ ἡ κύλιξ κενή.

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be a goddess. But I was of a chaste disposition, I swear it by my tomb, and if anyone, to shame me, composed a wanton treatise, may Time reveal his name and may my bones rejoice that I am rid of the abominable report.¹

451.—CALLIMACHUS

HERE Saon, son of Dicon of Acanthus, sleeps the holy sleep. Say not that the good are dead.

452.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

REMEMBER temperate Eubulus, ye passers-by. Let us drink, we all end in the haven of Hades.

453.—CALLIMACHUS

HERE Philippus laid his twelve-year-old son, Nicoteles, his great hope.

454.—By THE SAME

THE cup of unmixed wine drained twice straight off has run away with Erasixenus the deep drinker.

455.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

WINE-BIBBING old Maronis, the jar-drier, lies here, and on her tomb, significant to all, stands an Attic cup. She laments beneath the earth not for her husband and children whom she left in indigence, but solely because the cup is empty.

456.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Τὴν τιτθὴν Ἱέρων Σειληνίδα, τήν, ὅτε πίνοι ζωρόν, ὑπ' οὐδεμιῆς θλιβομένην κύλικος, ἀγρῶν ἐντὸς ἔθηκεν, ἵν' ἡ φιλάκρητος ἐκείνη καὶ φθιμένη ληνῶν γείτονα τύμβον ἔχοι.

457.—ΑΡΙΣΤΩΝΟΣ

'Αμπελὶς ή φιλάκρητος ἐπὶ σκήπωνος ὁδηγοῦ ἤδη τὸ σφαλερὸν γῆρας ἐρειδομένη, λαθριδίη Βάκχοιο νεοθλιβὲς ἦρ' ἀπὸ ληνοῦ πῶμα Κυκλωπείην πλησομένη κύλικα· πρὶν δ' ἀρύσαι μογερὰν ἔκαμεν χέρα· γραῦς δὲ παλαιή, ναῦς ἄθ' ὑποβρύχιος ζωρὸν ἔδυ πέλαγος. Εὐτέρπη δ' ἐπὶ τύμβω ἀποφθιμένης θέτο σῆμα λάϊνον, οἰνηρῶν γείτονα θειλοπέδων.

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458.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Τὴν Φρυγίην Αἴσχρην, ἀγαθὸν γάλα, πᾶσιν ἐν ἐσθλοῖς Μίκκος καὶ ζωὴν οὖσαν ἐγηροκόμει, καὶ φθιμένην ἀνέθηκεν, ἐπεσσομένοισιν ὁρᾶσθαι ἡ γρῆϋς μαστῶν ὡς ἀπέχει χάριτας.

459.—TOY AYTOY

Κρηθίδα τὴν πολύμυθον, ἐπισταμένην καλὰ παίζειν, δίζηνται Σαμίων πολλάκι θυγατέρες, ἡδίστην συνέριθον, ἀείλαλον· ἡ δ' ἀποβρίζει ἐνθάδε τὸν πάσαις ὕπνον ὀφειλόμενον.

R. Garnett, A Chaplet from the Greek Anthology, ov.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 456-459

456.—DIOSCORIDES

HERE lies Hiero's nurse Silenis, who when she began to drink untempered wine never made a grievance of being offered one cup more. He laid her to rest in his fields, that she who was so fond of wine should even dead and buried be near to vats.

457.—ARISTO

The tippler Ampelis, already supporting her tottering old age on a guiding staff, was covertly abstracting from the vat the newly pressed juice of Bacchus, and about to fill a cup of Cyclopean size, but before she could draw it out her feeble hand failed her and the old woman, like a ship submerged by the waves, disappeared in the sea of wine. Euterpe erected this stone monument on her tomb near the pressing-floor of the vineyard.

458.—CALLIMACHUS

On Phrygian Aeschra, his good nurse, did Miccus while she lived bestow every comfort that soothes old age, and when she died he erected her statue, that future generations may see how he rewarded the old woman for her milk.

459.—By THE SAME

Often do the daughters of Samos miss prattling Crethis who could sport so well, their sweetest workmate, never silent; but she sleeps here the sleep that is the portion of all.

460.—TOY AYTOY

Είχου ἀπὸ σμικρῶν ὀλίγου βίου, οὕτε τι δεινὸν ρέζων, οὕτ ἀδικῶν οὐδένα. γαῖα φίλη, Μικύλος εἴ τι πονηρὸν ἐπήνεσα, μήτε συ κούφη γίνεο, μήτ ἄλλοι δαίμονες, οἵ μ' ἔχετε.

461.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Παμμήτορ γή, χαίρε σὺ τὸν πάρος οὐ βαρὺν εἰς σὲ Αἰσιγένην καὐτή νῦν ἐπέχοις ἀβαρής.

462.—ΔΙΟΝΥΣΙΟΥ

'Αγχιτόκον Σατύραν 'Αίδας λάχε, Σιδονία δε κρύψε κόνις, πάτρα δ' έστονάχησε Τύρος.

463.--ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Αὕτα Τιμόκλει', αὕτα Φιλώ, αὕτα 'Αριστώ, αὕτα Τιμαιθώ, παῖδες 'Αριστοδίκου, πᾶσαι ὑπ' ἀδῖνος πεφονευμέναι' αἶς ἔπι τοῦτο σᾶμα πατὴρ στάσας κάτθαν' 'Αριστόδικος.

464.—ANTI∏ATPO↑

"Ηπου σε χθονίας, 'Αρετημιάς, εξ ἀκάτοιο Κωκυτοῦ θεμέναν ἴχνος ἐπ' ἀιόνι, οιχόμενον βρέφος ἄρτι νέω φορέουσαν ἀγοστῷ ὤκτειραν θαλεραὶ Δωρίδες εἰν ἀίδα, πευθόμεναι τέο κῆρα· σὰ δὲ ῥαίνουσα παρειὰς δάκρυσιν, ἄγγειλας κεῖν' ἀνιαρὸν ἔπος· "Διπλόον ἀδίνασα, φίλαι, τέκος, ἄλλο μὲν ἀνδρὶ Εὔφρονι καλλιπόμαν, ἄλλο δ ἄγω φθιμένοις."

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460.—By THE SAME

I GOT a little living from my possessions, never doing any wickedness or injuring any one. Dear earth, if Micylus ever consented to any evil may neither thou be light to me nor the other powers who hold me.

461.—MELEAGER

Hall earth, Mother of all! Assignees was never a burden to thee, and do thou too hold him without weighing heavy on him.

462.—DIONYSIUS

SATYRA with child and near her time has been taken by Hades. The earth of Sidon covers her, and Tyre her country bewails her.

463.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

This is Timoclea, this is Philo, this is Aristo, this is Timaetho, the daughters of Aristodicus, all dead in childbirth. Their father Aristodicus died after erecting this monument to them.

464.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Or a surety, Aretemias, when descending from the boat, thou didst set thy foot on the beach of Cocytus, carrying in thy young arms thy babe newly dead, the fair daughters of the Dorian land pitied thee in Hades and questioned thee concerning thy death; and thou, thy cheeks bedewed with tears, didst give them these mournful tidings "My dears, I brought forth twin children; one I left with Euphron my husband, and the other I bring to the dead."

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465.—HPAKΛEITOΥ

'Α κόνις ἀρτίσκαπτος, ἐπὶ στάλας δὲ μετώπων σείονται φύλλων ἡμιθαλεῖς στέφανοι· γράμμα διακρίναντες, ὁδοιπόρε, πέτρον ἴδωμεν, λευρὰ περιστέλλειν ὀστέα φατὶ τίνος.—
"Εεῖν', 'Αρετημιάς εἰμι· πάτρα Κνίδος· Εὔφρονος ἤλθον εἰς λέχος· ἀδίνων οὐκ ἄμορος γενόμαν· δισσὰ δ΄ ὁμοῦ τίκτουσα, τὸ μὲν λίπον ἀνδρὶ ποδηγὸν γήρως· δν δ' ἀπάγω μναμόσυνον πόσιος."

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466.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

'Α δείλ' Αυτίκλεις, δειλη δ' έγω ή τον έν ήβης ἀκμη καὶ μοῦνον παιδα πυρωσαμένη, ὀκτωκαιδεκέτης ος ἀπώλεο, τέκνον έγω δὲ ὀρφάνιον κλαίω γηρας ὀδυρομένη. βαίην εἰς ᾿Αιδος σκιερον δόμον οὔτε μοι ἠως ἡδεί' οὕτ' ἀκτὶς ὡκέος ἡελίου. ἄ δείλ' ᾿Αντίκλεις, μεμορημένε, πένθεος εἴης ἰητήρ, ζωης ἔκ με κομισσάμενος.

467.—ANTIHATPOT

Τοῦτό τοι, 'Αρτεμίδωρε, τεῷ ἐπὶ σάματι μάτηρ ἔαχε, δωδεκέτη σὸν γοόωσα μόρον ""Ωλετ' ἐμᾶς ἀδῖνος ὁ πᾶς πόνος εἰς σποδὸν εἰς πῦρ, ἄλεθ' ὁ παμμέλεος γειναμένου κάματος ἄλετο χὰ ποθινὰ τέρψις σέθεν ἐς γὰρ ἄκαμπτον, 5 ἐς τὸν ἀνόστητον χῶρον ἔβης ἐνέρων οὐδ' ἐς ἐφηβείαν ἤλθες, τέκος ἀντὶ δὲ σεῖο στάλα καὶ κωφὰ λείπεται ἄμμι κόνις."

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465.—HERACLITUS

The earth is newly dug and on the faces of the tomb-stone wave the half-withered garlands of leaves. Let us decipher the letters, wayfarer, and learn whose smooth bones the stone says it covers. "Stranger, I am Aretemias, my country Cnidus. I was the wife of Euphro and I did not escape travail, but bringing forth twins, I left one child to guide my husband's steps in his old age, and I took the other with me to remind me of him."

466.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

O UNHAPPY Anticles, and I most unhappy who have laid on the pyre my only son in the bloom of his youth! At eighteen didst thou perish, my child, and I weep and bewail my old age bereft of thee. Would I could go to the shadowy house of Hades! Nor dawn nor the rays of the swift sun are sweet to me. Unhappy Anticles, gone to thy doom, be thou healer of my mourning by taking me away from life to thee.

467.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

This is the lament thy mother, Artemidorus, uttered over thy tomb, bewajling thy death at twelve years of age. "All the fruit of my travail hath perished in fire and ashes, it hath perished all thy miserable father's toil for thee, and it hath perished all the winsome delight of thee; for thou art gone to the land of the departed, from which there is no turning back or home-coming. Nor didst thou reach thy prime, my child, and in thy stead naught is left us but thy grave-stone and dumb dust."

468.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Οἰκτρότατον μάτηρ σε, Χαρίξενε, δῶρον ἐς ἄδαν, οκτωκαιδεκέταν ἐστόλισεν χλαμύδι. ἢ γὰρ δὴ καὶ πέτρος ἀνέστενεν, ἀνίκ' ἀπ' οἴκων ἄλικες οἰμωγὰ σὸν νέκυν ἢχθοφόρευν. πένθος δ', οὐχ ὑμέναιον ἀνωρύοντο γονῆες 5 αἰαῖ, τὰς μαστῶν ψευδομένας χάριτας, καὶ κενεὰς ἀδῖνας ἰὼ κακοπάρθενε Μοῖρα, στεῖρα γονᾶς στοργὰν ἔπτυσας εἰς ἀνέμους. τοῖς μὲν ὁμιλήσασι ποθεῖν πάρα, τοῖς δὲ τοκεῦσι

W. G. Headlam, Fifty Poems of Meleager, xxxiv.

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πενθείν, οίς δ' άγνώς, πευθομένοις έλεείν.

469.—XAIPHMONOΣ

Εὔβουλον τέκνωσεν 'Αθηναγόρης περὶ πάντων ήσσονα μὲν μοίρα, κρέσσονα δ' εὐλογία.

470.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

- α. Εἰπον ἀνειρομένω τίς καὶ τίνος ἐσσί. β. Φίλαυλος Εὐκρατίδεω. ,α. Ποδαπὸς δ' εὕχεαι . . .
- α. Έζησας δὲ τίνα στέργων βίου; β. Οὐ τὸν ἀρότρου, οὐδὲ τὸν ἐκ νηῶν, τὸν δὲ σοφοῖς ἔταρον.
- α. Γήραϊ δ' ἡ νούσφ βίον ἔλλιπες; β. Ἡλυθον Αλαν

αὐτοθελεί, Κείων γευσάμενος κυλίκων.

¹ The short cloak worn by ephebi.

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468.—MELEAGER

At eighteen, Charixenus, did thy mother dress thee in thy chlamys 1 to offer thee, a woeful gift, to Hades. Even the very stones groaned aloud, when the young men thy mates bore thy corpse with wailing from the house. No wedding hymn, but a song of mourning did thy parents chant. Alack for the breasts that suckled thee cheated of their guerdon, alack for the travail endured in vain! O Fate, thou evil maiden, barren thou art and hast spat to the winds a mother's love for her child. What remains but for thy companions to regret thee, for thy parents to mourn thee, and for those to whom thou wast unknown to pity when they are told of thee.

469.—CHAEREMON

ATHENAGORES begot Eubulus, excelled by all in fate, excelling all in good report.

470.—MELEAGER

A. "Tell him who enquires, who and whose son thou art." B. "Philaulus son of Eueratides." A. "And from whence dost thou say?" B. "..." A. "What livelihood didst thou choose when alive?" B. "Not that from the plough nor that from ships, but that which is gained in the society of sages." A. "Didst thou depart this life from old age or from sickness?" B. "Of my own will I came to Hades, having drunk of the Cean cup." A. "Wast thou

² In Ceos old men, when incapable of work, are said to have been compelled to drink poison.

α. Ἡ πρέσβυς; β. Καὶ κάρτα. α. Λάχοι νύ σε βώλος έλαφρή σύμφωνον πινυτώ σχόντα λόγω βίστον.

471.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

Είπας "ήλιε, χαιρε" Κλεόμβροτος ώμβρακιώτης ήλατ' ἀφ' ύψηλοῦ τείχεος εἰς ἀίδαν, άξιον οὐδὲν ἰδών θανάτου κακόν, άλλὰ Πλάτωνος εν τὸ περί ψυχης γράμμ' ἀναλεξάμενος.

$472.-\Lambda E\Omega NI\Delta A$

Μυρίος ήν, ἄνθρωπε, χρόνος προτοῦ, ἄχρι πρὸς ήῶ ήλθες, γω λοιπός μυρίος είς ἀίδην. τίς μοιρα ζωής υπολείπεται, ή όσον όσσον στιγμή καὶ στιγμής εἴ τι χαμηλότερον; μικρή σευ ζωή τεθλιμμένη ούδε γαρ αύτή 5 ήδει', άλλ' έχθρου στυγνοτέρη θανάτου. έκ τοίης ώνθρωποι ἀπηκριβωμένοι ὀστῶν άρμονίης, †ύψιστ' ήέρα καὶ νεφέλας. ώνερ, ίδ' ώς άχρειον, έπεὶ περὶ νήματος άκρον εὐλη ἀκέρκιστον λῶπος ἐφεζομένη. 10 οίον τὸ †ψαλα, θρίον ἀπεψιλωμένον οίον, πόλλον άραχναίου στυγνότερον σκελέτου. ηουν έξ ηους όσσον σθένος, ώνερ, έρευνων είης έν λιτή κεκλιμένος βιοτή. αίεν τούτο νόφ μεμνημένος άχρις όμιλης 15 ζωοίς, έξ οίης ήρμόνισαι καλάμης.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, i. p. 30 (part only).

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old?" B. "Yea, very old." A. "May the earth that rests on thee be light, for the life thou didst lead was in accordance with wisdom and reason."

471.—CALLIMACHUS

CLEOMBROTUS the Ambracian saying, "Farewell, O Sun," leapt from a high wall to Hades, not that he saw any evil worthy of death, but that he had read one treatise of Plato, that on the soul.

472.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

O MAN, infinite was the time ere thou camest to the light, and infinite will be the time to come in Hades. What is the portion of life that remains to thee, but a pin-prick, or if there be aught tinier than a pin-prick? A little life and a sorrowful is thine: for even that little is not sweet, but more odious than death the enemy. Men built as ye are, of such a frame of bones, do ye lift yourselves up to the air and the clouds? See, man, how little use it is; for at the end of the thread 1 a worm seated on the loosely woven vesture 2 reduces it to a thing like a skeleton leaf, a thing more loathly than a cobweb. Enquire of thyself at the dawn of every day, O man, what thy strength is and learn to lie low, content with a simple life; ever remembering in thy heart, as long as thou dwellest among the living, from what stalks of straw thou art pieced together.8

i.e. of life. 2 The flesh.

⁸ The epigram was doubtless written under a figure of a skeleton. Lines 11, 12 are corrupt and the sense uncertain.

472B.—TOY AYTOY

Χειμέριον ζωὴν ὑπαλεύεο, νεῖο δ' ἐς ὅρμον, ώς κὴγὰ Φείδων ὁ Κρίτου εἰς ἀίδην.

473.—ΑΡΙΣΤΟΔΙΚΟΥ

Δαμώ καὶ Μάθυμνα τὸν ἐν τριετηρίσιν "Ηρας Εὔφρονα λυσσατὰν ὡς ἐπύθοντο νέκυν, ζωὰν ἀρνήσαντο, τανυπλέκτων δ' ἀπὸ μιτρᾶν χερσὶ δεραιούχους ἐκρεμάσαντο βρόχους.

474.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Είς όδε Νικάνδρου τέκνων τάφος εν φάος άς θς ἄνυσε τὰν ίερὰν Λυσιδίκας γενεάν.

475.—ΔΙΟΤΙΜΟΥ

Νυμφίον Εὐαγόρην ποτὶ πενθερον ή Πολυαίνου Σκυλλὶς ἀν' εὐρείας ήλθε βοῶσα πύλας, παῖδα τον Ἡγεμάχειον ἐφέστιον· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἐκείνη χήρη πατρώους αὖθις ἐσῆλθε δόμους, δαιμονίη· τριτάτω δὲ κατέφθιτο μηνὶ δυσαίων οὐλομένη ψυχῆς δύσφρονι τηκεδόνι. τοῦτο δ' ἐπ' ἀμφοτέροισι πολύκλαυτον φιλότητος ἔστηκεν λείη μνῆμα παρὰ τριόδω.

476.--ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Δάκρυά σοι καὶ νέρθε διὰ χθονός, Ἡλιοδώρα, δωροῦμαι, στοργᾶς λείψανον, εἰς ἀίδαν, δάκρυα δυσδάκρυτα· πολυκλαύτω δ' ἐπὶ τύμβω σπένδω μνᾶμα πόθων, μνᾶμα φιλοφροσύνας.
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472B.—By THE SAME

Avoid the storms of life and hie ye to the haven, to Hades, as I, Pheidon the son of Critas, did.

473.—ARISTODICUS

Demo and Methymna when they heard that Euphron, the frenzied devotee at the triennial festivals of Hera, was dead, refused to live longer, and made of their long knitted girdles nooses for their necks to hang themselves.

474.—Anonymous

This single tomb holds all Nicander's children; the dawn of one day made an end of the holy offspring of Lysidice.

475.—DIOTIMUS

Scyllis the daughter of Polyaenus went to her father-in-law's, lamenting, as she entered the wide gates, the death of her bridegroom, Evagoras the son of Hegemachus, who dwelt there. She came not back, poor widowed girl, to her father's house, but within three months she perished, her spirit wasted by deadly melancholy. This tearful memorial of their love stands on the tomb of both beside the smooth high-way.

476.—MELEAGER

Tears, the last gift of my love, even down through the earth I send to thee in Hades, Heliodora—tears ill to shed, and on thy much-wept tomb I pour them in memory of longing, in memory of affection.

οἰκτρὰ γὰρ οἰκτρὰ φίλαν σε καὶ ἐν φθιμένοις Μελέαγρος 5 αἰάζω, κενεὰν εἰς ᾿Αχέροντα χάριν. αἰαῖ, ποῦ τὸ ποθεινὸν ἐμοὶ θάλος; ἄρπασεν Ἦδας, ἄρπασεν ἀκμαῖον δ᾽ ἄνθος ἔφυρε κόνις. ἀλλά σε γουνοῦμαι, Γᾶ παντρόφε, τὰν πανόδυρτον ἡρέμα σοῖς κόλποις, μᾶτερ, ἐναγκάλισαι. 10 H. C. Beeching, In a Garden, p. 99; A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 189; J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and

477.—TYMNEO

Μή σοι τοῦτο, Φιλαινί, λίην ἐπικάρδιον ἔστω, εἰ μὴ πρὸς Νείλφ γῆς μορίης ἔτυχες, ἀλλά σ' Ἐλευθέρνης ὅδ' ἔχει τάφος· ἔστι γὰρ ἴση πάντοθεν εἰς ἀίδην ἐρχομένοισιν ὁδός.

478.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Τίς ποτ' ἄρ' εἶ; τίνος ἀρα παρὰ τρίβον ὀστέα ταῦτα τλήμον' ἐν ἡμιφαεῖ λάρνακι γυμνὰ μένει; μνῆμα δὲ καὶ τάφος αἰὲν ἀμαξεύοντος ὁδίτεω ἄξονι καὶ τροχιἢ λιτὰ παραξέεται ἤδη σου καὶ πλευρὰ παρατρίψουσιν ἄμαξαι, σχέτλιε, σοὶ δ' οὐδεὶς οὐδ' ἐπὶ δάκρυ βαλεῖ.

479. ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Πέτρος έγω το πάλαι γυρή καὶ ἄτριπτος ἐπιβλής τὴν Ἡρακλείτου ἔνδον ἔχω κεφαλήν αἰών μ' ἔτριψεν κροκάλαις ἴσον ἐν γὰρ ἁμάξη παμφόρω αἰζηῶν εἰνοδίη τέταμαι. ἀγγέλλω δὲ βροτοῖσι, καὶ ἄστηλός περ ἐοῦσα, θεῖον ὑλακτητὴν δήμου ἔγουσα κύνα.

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Epigrams, i. p. 76.

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Piteously, piteously doth Meleager lament for thee who art still dear to him in death, paying a vain tribute to Acheron. Alas! Alas! Where is my beautiful one, my heart's desire? Death has taken her, has taken her, and the flower in full bloom is defiled by the dust. But Earth my mother, nurturer of all, I beseech thee, clasp her gently to thy bosom, her whom all bewail.

477.—TYMNES

Let not this, Philaenis, weigh on thy heart, that the earth in which it was thy fate to lie is not beside the Nile, but that thou art laid in this tomb at Eleutherna. From no matter where the road is the same to Hades.

478.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

Who ever canst thou be? Whose poor bones are these that remain exposed beside the road in a coffin half open to the light, the mean tomb and monument ever scraped by the axle and wheel of the traveller's coach? Soon the carriages will crush thy ribs, poor wretch, and none to shed a tear for thee.

479.—THEODORIDES

I, THE stone coffin that contain the head of Heraclitus, was once a rounded and unworn cylinder, but Time has worn me like the shingle, for I lie in the road, the highway for all sorts and conditions of men. I announce to mortals, although I have no stele, that I hold the divine dog who used to bark at the commons.

480.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Ἡδη μευ τέτριπται ὑπεκκεκαλυμμένον ὀστεῦν ἀρμονίη τ', ὧνερ, πλὰξ ἐπικεκλιμένη·
ἤδη καὶ σκώληκες ὑπὲκ σοροῦ αὐγάζονται ἡμετέρης· τί πλέον γῆν ἐπιεννύμεθα;
ἢ γὰρ τὴν οὕπω πρὶν ἰτὴν ὁδὸν ἐτμήξαντο ἄνθρωποι, κατ' ἐμῆς νισσόμενοι κεφαλῆς.
ἀλλὰ πρὸς ἐγγαίων, ᾿Αϊδωνέος Ἑρμεία τε καὶ Νυκτός, ταύτης ἐκτὸς ἴτ' ἀτραπιτοῦ.

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481.—ΦΙΛΗΤΑ ΣΑΜΙΟΥ

'Α στάλα βαρύθουσα λέγει τάδε· "Τὰν μινύωρον, τὰν μικκὰν 'Αίδας ἄρπασε Θειοδόταν." χὰ μικκὰ τάδε πατρὶ λέγει πάλιν· ""Ισχεο λύπας, Θειόδοτε· θνατοὶ πολλάκι δυστυχέες."

482.—**ΑΔΗΛΟΝ**

Ούπω τοι πλόκαμοι τετμημένοι, οὐδὲ σελάνας τοὶ τριετεῖς μηνῶν άνιοχεῦντο δρόμοι, Κλεύδικε, Νικασὶς ὅτε σὰν περὶ λάρνακα μάτηρ, τλῆμον, ἐπ' αἰακτᾳ πόλλ' ἐβόα στεφάνᾳ, καὶ γενέτας Περίκλειτος· ἐπ' ἀγνώτῳ δ' 'Αχέροντι ἡβάσεις ἥβαν, Κλεύδικ', ἀνοστοτάταν.

483.—**ΑΔΗΛΟΝ**

'Αίδη άλλιτάνευτε καὶ ἄτροπε, τίπτε τοι οὕτω Κάλλαισχρον ζωᾶς νήπιον ὡρφάνισας; ἔσται μὰν ὅ γε παῖς ἐν δώμασι Φερσεφονείοις, παίγνιον· ἀλλ' οἴκοι λυγρὰ λέλοιπε πάθη.

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480.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

ALREADY, Sirrah, my bones and the slab that lies on my skeleton are exposed and crushed, already the worms are visible, looking out of my coffin. What avails it to clothe ourselves with earth; for men travelling over my head have opened here a road untrodden before. But I conjure you by the infernal powers, Pluto, Hermes and Night, keep clear of this path.

481.—PHILETAS OF SAMOS

Tue grave-stone heavy with grief says "Death has carried away short-lived little Theodota," and the little one says again to her father, "Theodotus, cease to grieve; mortals are often unfortunate."

482.—Anonymous

Not yet had thy hair been cut, Cleodicus, nor had the moon yet driven her chariot for thrice twelve periods across the heaven, when Nicasis thy mother and thy father Periclitus, on the brink of thy lamented tomb, poor child, wailed much over thy coffin. In unknown Acheroa, Cleodicus, shalt thou bloom in a youth that never, never may return here.

483.—Anonymous

HADES, inexorable and unbending, why hast thou robbed baby Callaeschron of life? In the house of Persephone the boy shall be her plaything, but at home he leaves bitter suffering.

484.--ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Πέντε κόρας καὶ πέντε Βιὰ Διδύμωνι τεκοῦσα ἄρσενας, οὐδὲ μιᾶς οὐδ' ένὸς ἀνάσατο· ἡ μές' ἀρίστη ἐοῦσα καὶ εὕτεκνος οὐχ ὑπὸ παίδων, δθνείαις δ' ἐτάφη χερσὶ θανοῦσα Βιώ.

485.—TOY AYTOY

Βάλλεθ' ὑπὲρ τύμβου πολιὰ κρίνα, καὶ τὰ συνήθη τύμπαν' ἐπὶ στήλη ῥήσσετ' Αλεξιμένους, καὶ περιδινήσασθε μακρῆς ἀνελίγματα χαίτης Στρυμονίην ἄφετοι Θυιάδες ἀμφὶ πόλιν, ἡ γλυκερὰ πνεύσαντος ἐφ' ὑμετέροισιν †ἀδάπταις πολλάκι πρὸς μαλακοὺς τοῦδ' ἐχόρευε νόμους.

486.--ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

Πολλάκι τῷδ' ὀλοφυδνὰ κόρας ἐπὶ σάματι Κλείνα μάτηρ ὠκύμορον παῖδ' ἐβόασε φίλαν, ψυχὰν ἀγκαλέουσα Φιλαινίδος, ἃ πρὸ γάμοιο χλωρὸν ὑπὲρ ποταμοῦ χεῦμ' 'Αχέροντος ἔβα.

487.—ΠΕΡΣΟΥ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΟΣ

"Ωλεο δη προ γάμοιο, Φιλαίνιον, οὐδέ σε μάτηρ Πυθιὰς ώραίους ήγαγεν εἰς θαλάμους νυμφίου ἀλλ' ἐλεεινὰ καταδρύψασα παρειὰς τεσσαρακαιδεκέτιν τῷδ' ἐκάλυψε τάφφ.

488.—ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

Αἰαὶ ᾿Αριστοκράτεια, σὰ μὲν βαθὰν εἰς ᾿Αχέροντα οἴχεαι ὡραίου κεκλιμένα πρὸ γάμου· ματρὶ δὲ δάκρυα σῷ καταλείπεται, ἄ σ' ἐπὶ τύμβῳ πολλάκι κεκλιμένα κωκύει ἐκ †κεφαλᾶς.

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484.—DIOSCORIDES

FIVE daughters and five sons did Bio bear to Didymon, but she got no joy from one of either. Bio herself so excellent and a mother of such fine babes, was not buried by her children, but by strange hands.

485.—By THE SAME

Cast white lilies on the tomb and beat by the stele of Aleximenes the drums he used to love; whirl your long flowing locks, ye Thyiades, in freedom by the city on the Strymon, whose people often danced to the tender strains of his flute that breathed sweetly on your ———.

486.—ANYTE

Often on this her daughter's tomb did Cleina call on her dear short-lived child in wailing tones, summoning back the soul of Philaenis, who ere her wedding passed across the pale stream of Acheron.

487.—PERSES OF MACEDONIA

Thou didst die before thy marriage, Philaenion, nor did thy mother Pythias conduct thee to the chamber of the bridegroom who awaited thy prime: but wretchedly tearing her cheeks, she laid thee in this tomb at the age of fourteen.

488.—MNASALCAS

ALAS! Aristocrateia, thou art gone to deep Acheron, gone to rest before thy prime, before thy marriage; and naught but tears is left for thy mother, who reclining on thy tomb often bewails thee.

489.—ΣΑΠΦΟΥΣ

Τιμάδος ἄδε κόνις, τὰν δὴ πρὸ γάμοιο θανοῦσαν δέξατο Φερσεφόνας κυάνεος θάλαμος, άς καὶ ἀποφθιμένας πᾶσαι νεοθᾶγι σιδάρφ ἄλικες ίμερτὰν κρατὸς ἔθεντο κόμαν.

490.-ΑΝΥΤΗΣ

Παρθένου 'Αντιβίαν κατοδύρομαι, ας έπλ πολλολ νυμφίοι ιέμενοι πατρός ίκοντο δόμου, κάλλευς και πινυτατος ανα κλέος άλλ' έπι πάντων έλπίδας οὐλομένα Μοιρ' ἐκύλισε πρόσω.

491.--ΜΝΑΣΑΛΚΟΥ

Αἰαῖ παρθενίας ὀλοόφρονος, ἄς ἄπο φαιδρὰν ἔκλασας ἀλικίαν, ἱμερόεσσα Κλεοῖ· καδδέ σ' ἀμυξάμεναι περιδάκρυες αἴδ' ἐπὶ τύμβφ λᾶες Σειρήνων ἔσταμες εἰδάλιμοι.

492.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΑΣ

'Ωχόμεθ', & Μίλητε, φίλη πατρί, τῶν ἀθεμίστων τὰν ἄνομον Γαλατᾶν κύπριν ἀναινόμεναι, παρθενικαὶ τρισσαὶ πολιήτιδες, ᾶς ὁ βιατὰς Κελτῶν εἰς ταύτην μοῖραν ἔτρεψεν "Αρης. οὐ γὰρ ἐμείναμεν ἄμμα τὸ δυσσεβὲς οὐδ' 'Τμέναιον νυμφίον, ἀλλ' 'Αἴδην κηδεμόν' εὐρόμεθα.

¹ This seems to be on a girl who killed herself to preserve her virginity.

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489.—SAPPHO

This is the dust of Timas, whom, dead before her marriage, the dark chamber of Persephone received. When she died, all her girl companions with newly sharpened steel shore their lovely locks.

490.—ANYTE

I BEWAIL virgin Antibia, eager to wed whom came many suitors to her father's house, led by the report of her beauty and discretion; but destroying Fate, in the case of all, sent their hopes rolling far away.

491.—MNASALCAS

Wor worth baleful virginity, for which, delightful Cleo, thou didst cut short thy bright youth! We stones in the semblance of Sirens stand on thy tomb tearing our cheeks for thee and weeping.¹

492.—ANYTE OF MITYLENE (?)

WE leave thee, Miletus, dear fatherland, refusing the lawless love of the impious Gauls, three maidens, thy citizens, whom the sword of the Celts forced to this fate. We brooked not the unholy union nor such a wedding, but we put ourselves in the wardship of Hades.²

² This tale seems to be derived from some romance. According to Jerome (Adv. Jovianum, Lib. I., p. 186) the maidens were seven in number.

493.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Οὐ νούσφ 'Ροδόπα τε καὶ ὰ γενέτειρα Βοΐσκα οὐδ' ὑπὸ δυσμενέων δούρατι κεκλίμεθα: ἰλλ' αὐταί, πάτρας ὁπότ' ἔφλεγεν ἄστυ Κορίνθου γοργὸς 'Αρης, ἀίδαν ἄλκιμον εἰλόμεθα. έκτανε γὰρ μάτηρ με διασφακτῆρι σιδάρφ, οὐδ' ἰδίου φειδὼ δύσμορος ἔσχε βίου, ὑψε δ' ἐναυχενίφ δειρὰν βρόχφ. ἦς γὰρ ἀμείνων δουλοσύνας άμῦν πότμος ἐλευθέριος.

494.--ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έν πόντφ Σώδαμος ὁ Κρης θάνεν, ῷ φίλα, Νηρεῦ, δίκτυα καὶ τὸ σὸν ην κεῖνο σύνηθες ὕδωρ, ἰχθυβολεὺς ὁ περισσὸς ἐν ἀνδράσιν. ἀλλὰ θάλασσα οὔ τι διακρίνει χείματος οὐδ' ἀλιεῖς.

495.—ΑΛΚΑΙΟΥ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΟΥ

Στυγνὸς ἐπ' ᾿Αρκτούρω ναύταις πλόος· ἐκ δὲ βορείης λαίλαπος ᾿Ασπάσιος πικρὸν ἔτευξα μόρον, οὖ στείχεις παρὰ τύμβον, ὁδοιπόρε· σῶμα δὲ πόντος ἔκρυψ' Αἰγαίω ῥαινόμενον πελάγει. ἢϊθέων δακρυτὸς ἄπας μόρος· ἐν δὲ θαλάσση πλεῖστα πολυκλαύτου κήδεα ναυτιλίης.

496.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Ηερίη Γεράνεια, κακον λέπας, ὤφελεν Ίστρον τῆλε καὶ ἐκ Σκυθέων μακρον ορậν Τάναιν,

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 493-496

493.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

I, Rhodoff, and my mother Boisca neither died of sickness, nor fell by the sword of the foes, but ourselves, when dreadful Ares burnt the city of Corinth our country, chose a brave death. My mother slew me with the slaughtering knife, nor did she, unhappy woman, spare her own life, but tied the noose round her neck; for it was better than slavery to die in freedom.

494.—Anonymous

In the sea, Nereus, died Sodamus the Cretan who loved thy nets and was at home on these thy waters. He excelled all men in his skill as a fisher, but the sea in a storm makes no distinction between fishermen and others.

495.—ALCAEUS OF MESSENE

ARCTURUS' rising 1 is an ill season for sailors to sail at, and I, Aspasius, whose tomb thou passest, traveller, met my bitter fate by the blast of Boreas. My body, washed by the waters of the Aegaean main, is lost at sea. Lamentable ever is the death of young men, but most mournful of all is the fate of travellers who perish in the sea.

496.—SIMONIDES

LOFTY Gerania,² evil cliff, would that from the far Scythian land thou didst look down on the Danube and the long course of the Tanais, and didst not ¹ Middle of September. ² North of the Isthmus of Corinth.

μηδε πέλας ναίειν Σκειρωνικόν οίδμα θαλάσσης, ἄγκεα νιφομένης ἀμφὶ Μεθουριάδος. νῦν δ' ὁ μεν ἐν πόντῷ κρυερὸς νέκυς· οἱ δε βαρεῖαν ναυτιλίην κενεοὶ τῆδε βοῶσι τάφοι.

497.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

Καί ποτε Θυμώδης, τὰ παρ' ἐλπίδα κήδεα κλαίων, παιδὶ Λύκω κενεον τοῦτον ἔχευε τάφον· οὐδὲ γὰρ ὀθνείην ἔλαχεν κόνιν, ἀλλά τις ἀκτὴ Θυνιὰς ἡ νήσων Ποντιάδων τις ἔχει· ἔνθ' ὅγε που πάντων κτερέων ἄτερ ὀστέα φαίνει γυμνὸς ἐπ' ἀξείνου κείμενος αἰγιαλοῦ.

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498.—ANTITIATPO↑

Δᾶμις ὁ Νυσαιεὺς ἐλαχὺ σκάφος ἔκ ποτε πόντου Ἰονίου ποτὶ γᾶν ναυστολέων Πέλοπος, φορτίδα μὲν καὶ πάντα νεὼς ἐπιβήτορα λαόν, κύματι καὶ συρμῷ πλαζομένους ἀνέμων, ἀσκηθεῖς ἐσάωσε· καθιεμένης δ' ἐπὶ πέτραις ἀγκύρης, ψυχρῶν κάτθανεν ἐκ νιφάδων ἢμύσας ὁ πρέσβυς. ἴδ' ὡς λιμένα γλυκὺν ἄλλοις δούς, ξένε, τὸν Λήθης αὐτὸς ἔδυ λιμένα.

499.—ΘEAITHTOΥ

Ναυτίλοι ὁ πλώοντες, ὁ Κυρηναίος 'Αρίστων πάντας ὑπὲρ Ξενίου λίσσεται ὅμμε Διός, εἰπεῖν πατρὶ Μένωνι, παρ' Ἰκαρίαις ὅτι πέτραις κεῖται, ἐν Αἰγαίφ θυμὸν ἀφεὶς πελάγει.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 497-499

dwell near the waves of the Scironian sea and by the ravines of snowy Methurias.¹ Now he is in the sea, a cold corpse, and the empty tomb here laments his unhappy voyage.

497.—DAMAGETUS

THYMODES too,² on a time, weeping for his unexpected sorrow built this empty tomb for his son Lycus; for not even does he lie under foreign earth, but some Bithynian strand, some island of the Black Sea holds him. There he lies, without funeral, showing his bare bones on the inhospitable shore.

498.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Damis of Nysa once navigating a small vessel from the Ionian Sea to the Peloponnesus, brought safe and sound to land the ship with all on board, which the waves and winds had swept out of its course; but just as they were casting anchor on the rocks the old man died from the chilling snow-storm, having fallen asleep. Mark, stranger, how having found a sweet haven for others, he himself entered the haven of Lethe.

499.—THEAETETUS

YE sailors on the sea, Aristo of Cyrene prays you all by Zeus the Protector of strangers to tell his father Meno that he lost his life in the Aegaean main, and lies by the rocks of Icaria.

¹ The only Methuriades known are small islands near Troezen.

Because there were other similar tombs close by.

500.—ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΑΔΟΥ

'Ω παρ' ἐμὸν στείχων κενὸν ἠρίον, εἶπον, ὁδῖτα, εἰς Χίον εὖτ' ἀν ἵκῃ, πατρὶ Μελησαγόρῃ, ώς ἐμὲ μὲν καὶ νῆα καὶ ἐμπορίην κακὸς Εὖρος ὅλεσεν, Εὐίππου δ' αὐτὸ λέλειπτ' ὄνομα.

501.--ΠΕΡΣΟΥ

Εύρου χειμέριαί σε καταιγίδες έξεκύλισαν, Φίλλι, πολυκλύστω γυμνον έπ' ηϊόνι, οινηρης Λέσβοιο παρά σφυρόν· αιγίλιπος δε πέτρου άλιβρέκτω κεισαι ύπο πρόποδι.

502.—NIKAINETOΥ

'Ηρίον εἰμὶ Βίτωνος, ὁδοιπόρε· εἰ δὲ Τορώνην λείπων εἰς †αὐτὴν ἔρχεαι 'Αμφίπολιν, εἰπεῖν Νικαγόρα, παίδων ὅτι τὸν μόνον αὐτῷ Στρυμονίης ἐρίφων ὥλεσε πανδυσίη.

$503.-\Lambda E\Omega NI\Delta A$

α. 'Αρχαίης ὧ θινὸς ἐπεστηλωμένον ἄχθος, εἴποις ὅντιν' ἔχεις, ἢ τίνος, ἢ ποδαπόν.

β. Φίντων' Ἑρμιονῆα Ἡαθυκλέος, δν πολὺ κῦμα ἄλεσεν, Ἡρκτούρου λαίλαπι χρησάμενον.

504.—TOY AYTOY

Πάρμις ὁ Καλλιγνώτου ἐπακταῖος καλαμειτής, ἄκρος καὶ κίχλης καὶ σκάρου ἰχθυβολεύς,

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 500-504

500.—ASCLEPIADES

WAYFARER who passest by my empty tomb, when thou comest to Chios tell my father Melesagoras that the evil south-easter destroyed me, my ship, and my merchandise, and naught but the name of Euippus is left.

501.—PERSES

The wintry blasts of the east wind cast thee out naked, Phillis, on the surf-beaten shore beside a spur of Lesbos rich in wine, and thou liest on the seabathed foot of the lofty cliff.

502.—NICAENETUS

I am the tomb, traveller, of Bito, and if leaving Torone thou comest to Amphipolis, tell Nicagoras that the Strymonian wind at the setting of the Kids was the death of his only son.

503.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

A. "O stone standing a burden on the ancient beach, tell me whom thou holdest, whose son and whence." B. "Phinto the son of Bathycles of Hermione, who perished in the heavy sea, encountering the blast of Arcturus." 1

504.-By THE SAME

Parmis, Callignotus' son, the shore-fisher, a first class hand at catching wrasse and scaros and the

1 i.e. a September gale.

καὶ λάβρου πέρκης δελεάρπαγος, ὅσσα τε κοίλας σήραγγας πέτρας τ' ἐμβυθίους νέμεται, ἄγρης ἐκ πρώτης ποτ' ἰουλίδα πετρήεσσαν 5 δακνάζων, ὀλοὴν ἐξ άλὸς ἀράμενος, ἔφθιτ'· ὀλισθηρὴ γὰρ ὑπ' ἐκ χερὸς ἀίξασα ຜχετ' ἐπὶ στεινὸν παλλομένη φάρυγα. χῶ μὲν μηρίνθων καὶ δούνακος ἀγκίστρων τε ἐγγὺς ἀπὸ πνοιὴν ἡκε κυλινδόμενος, 10 νήματ' ἀναπλήσας ἐπιμοίρια· τοῦ δὲ θανόντος Γρίπων ὁ γριπεὺς τοῦτον ἔχωσε τάφον.

505.—ΣΑΠΦΟΥΣ

Τῷ γριπεῖ Πελάγωνι πατὴρ ἐπέθηκε Μενίσκος κύρτον καὶ κώπαν, μνᾶμα κακοζοίας. Sir C. A. Elton, Specimens of the Classic Poets, i. p. 108.

506.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Κὴν γῆ καὶ πόντω κεκρύμμεθα· τοῦτο περισσον ἐκ Μοιρέων Θάρσυς Χαρμίδου ἢνύσατο. ἢ γὰρ ἐπ' ἀγκύρης ἔνοχον βάρος εἰς ἄλα δύνων, Ἰονιόν θ' ὑγρὸν κῦμα κατερχόμενος, τὴν μὲν ἔσωσ', αὐτὸς δὲ μετάτροπος ἐκ βυθοῦ ἔρρων δ ἤδη καὶ ναύταις χεῖρας ὀρεγνύμενος, ἐβρώθην· τοῖόν μοι ἐπ' ἄγριον εὖ μέγα κῆτος ἢλθεν, ἀπέβροξεν δ' ἄχρις ἐπ' ὀμφαλίου. χῆμισυ μὲν ναῦται, ψυχρὸν βάρος, ἐξ ἀλὸς ἡμῶν ἤρανθ', ἤμισυ δὲ πρίστις ἀπεκλάσατο· 10 ἢόνι δ' ἐν ταύτη κακὰ λείψανα Θάρσυος, ὧνερ, ἔκρυψαν· πάτρην δ' οὐ πάλιν ἱκόμεθα.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 505-506

perch, greedy seizer of the bait, and all fish that live in crevices and on rocky bottoms, met his death by biting 1 a rock-dwelling iulis 2 from his first catch of the day, a fish he lifted from the sea for his destruction; for slipping from his fingers, it went wriggling down his narrow gullet. So breathed he his last, rolling over in agony, near his lines, rod, and hooks, fulfilling the doom the destinies spun for him, and Gripo the fisherman built him this tomb.

505.—SAPPHO

His father, Meniscus, placed on Pelagon's tomb a weel and oar, a memorial of the indigent life he led.

506.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

I am buried both on land and in the sea; this is the exceptional fate of Tharsys, son of Charmides. For diving to loosen the anchor, which had become fixed, I descended into the Ionian sea; the anchor I saved, but as I was returning from the depths and already reaching out my hands to the sailors, I was eaten; so terrible and great a monster of the deep came and gulped me down as far as the navel. The half of me, a cold burden, the sailors drew from the sea, but the shark bit off the other half. On this beach, good Sir, they buried the vile remains of Tharsys, and I never came home to my country.

¹ To kill it.

² Now called "yilos," not a wrasse (as L. and S.), hut a small, rather prickly rock-fish.

507 Α. - ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Ανθρωπ', οὐ Κροίσου λεύσσεις τάφον, ἀλλὰ γὰρ ἀνδρὸς χερνήτεω μικρὸς τύμβος, ἐμοὶ δ' ἰκανός.

507B.—TOY AYTOY

Οὐκ ἐπιδων νύμφεια λέχη κατέβην τον ἄφυκτον Γόργιππος ξανθῆς Φερσεφόνης θάλαμον.

508.—TOY AYTOY

Παυσανίην ἰητρον ἐπώνυμον, ᾿Αγχίτεω υἰόν, τόνδὸ, ᾿Ασκληπιάδην, πατρὶς ἔθαψε Γέλα, δς πλείστους κρυεραῖσι μαραινομένους ὑπὸ νούσοις φῶτας ἀπέστρεψεν Φερσεφόνης θαλάμων.

509.—TOY AYTOY

Σημα Θεόγνιδος εἰμὶ Σινωπέος, ῷ μ' ἐπέθηκεν Γλαῦκος ἐταιρείης ἀντὶ πολυχρονίου.

510.—TOY AYTOY

Σῶμα μὲν ἀλλοδαπὴ κεύθει κόνις: ἐν δέ σε πόντῳ,
Κλείσθενες, Εὐξείνω μοῖρ' ἔκιχεν θανάτου
πλαζόμενον: γλυκεροῦ δὲ μελίφρονος οἴκαδε νόστου
ἤμπλακες, οὐδ' ἴκευ Χίον ἐπ' ἀμφιρύτην.

A. Esdaile, The Poetry Review, Sept. 1913.

511.—TOY AYTOY

Σῆμα καταφθιμένοιο Μεγακλέος εὖτ' αν ἴδωμαι, οἰκτείρω σε, τάλαν Καλλία, οἰ' ἔπαθες.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 507A-511

507A.—SIMONIDES

Thou seest not the grave of Croesus, but a poor labourer's tomb is this, yet sufficient for me.

507B.—BY THE SAME

I, Gorgippus, without having looked on the bridal bed, descended to the chamber that none may escape of fair-haired Persephone.

508.—By THE SAME

His city Gela buried here Pausanias, son of Anchites, a physician of the race of Asclepius, bearing a name ¹ expressive of his calling, who turned aside from the chambers of Persephone many men wasted by chilling disease.

509.—By the Same

I am the monument of Theognis of Sinope, erected over him by Glaucus for the sake of their long companionship.

510.—By THE SAME

The earth of a strange land lies on thy body, Cleisthenes, but the doom of death overtook thee wandering on the Euxine Jea. Thou wast cheated of sweet, honied home-coming, nor ever didst thou return to sea-girt Chios.

511.—By THE SAME

WHEN I look on the tomb of Megacles dead, I pity thee, poor Callias, for what thou hast suffered.

1 Stiller of pain.

512.—TOY AYTOY

Τῶνδε δι' ἀνθρώπων ἀρετὰν οὐχ ἵκετο καπνὸς αἰθέρα δαιομένης εὐρυχόρου Τεγέας, οἱ βούλοντο πόλιν μὲν ἐλευθερία τεθαλυῖαν παισὶ λιπεῖν, αὐτοὶ δ' ἐν προμάχοισι θανεῖν.

513.—TOY AYTOY

Φη ποτε Πρωτόμαχος, πατρός περί χείρας έχοντος ήνίκ' ἀφ' ίμερτην έπνεεν ήλικίην:
"*Ω Τιμηνορίδη, παιδός φίλου οὔ ποτε λήξεις οὔτ' ἀρετην ποθέων οὔτε σαοφροσύνην."

514.—TOY AYTOY

Αίδως και Κλεόδημον ἐπὶ προχοῆσι Θεαίρου ἀενάου στονόεντ' ἤγαγεν εἰς θάνατον, Θρηῖκίφ κύρσαντα λόχφ· πατρὸς δὲ κλεεννὸν Διφίλου αἰχμητὴς υίὸς ἔθηκ' ὄνομα.

515.—TOY AYTOY

Αἰαῖ, νοῦσε βαρεῖα· τί δὴ ψυχαῖσι μεγαίρεις ἀνθρώπων ἐρατἢ πὰρ νεότητι μένειν; ἢ καὶ Τίμαρχον γλυκεβῆς αἰῶνος ἄμερσας ἤίθεον, πρὶν ἰδεῖν κουριδίην ἄλοχον.

516.—TOY AYTOY

Οί μεν εμε κτείναντες δμοίων αντιτύχοιεν, Ζεῦ Εένι'· οί δ' ὑπὸ γαν θέντες ὄναιντο βίου.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 512-516

512.—By THE SAME

Through the valour of these men the smoke of spacious Tegea in flames never went up to heaven. They resolved to leave to their children their city prospering in freedom and to die themselves in the forefront of the fight.

513.—By THE SAME

PROTOMACHUS said, when his father was holding him in his arms as he breathed forth his lovely youth, "Timenorides, never shalt thou cease to regret thy dear son's valour and virtue."

514.—By THE SAME

SHAME of retreat led Cleodemus, too, to mournful death when on the banks of ever-flowing Theaerus he engaged the Thracian troop, and his warrior son made the name of his father, Diphilus, famous.

515.—By THE SAME

ALAS, cruel sickness, why dost thou grudge the souls of men their sojourn with lovely youth? Timarchus, too, in his youth thou hast robbed of his sweet life ere he looked on a wedded wife.

516.-By THE SAME

Zeus, Protector of strangers, let them who slew me meet with the same tate, but may they who laid me in earth live and prosper.

¹ On the grave of one slain by robbers. cp. Nos. 310, 581.

517.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

'Ηῶοι Μελάνιππον ἐθάπτομεν, ἠελίου δὲ δυομένου Βασιλῶ κάτθανε παρθενικὴ αὐτοχερί· ζώειν γάρ, ἀδελφεὸν ἐν πυρὶ θεῖσα, οὐκ ἔτλη. δίδυμον δ' οἰκος ἐσεῖδε κακὸν πατρὸς 'Αριστίπποιο· κατήφησεν δὲ Κυρήνη πᾶσα, τὸν εὔτεκνον χῆρον ἰδοῦσα δόμον.

518.—TOY AYTOY

Αστακίδην τὸν Κρῆτα, τὸν αἰπόλον, ἥρπασε Νύμφη εξ ὅρεος· καὶ νῦν ἱερὸς ᾿Αστακίδης. οὐκέτι Δικταίησιν ὑπὸ δρυσίν, οὐκέτι Δάφνιν ποιμένες, ᾿Αστακίδην δ᾽ αἰὲν ἀεισόμεθα.

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519.—TOY AYTOY

Δαίμονα τίς δ' εὖ οἶδε τὸν αὔριον, ἀνίκα καὶ σέ, Χάρμι, τὸν ὀφθαλμοῖς χθιζὸν ἐν ἁμετέροις, τᾳ ἐτέρᾳ κλαύσαντες ἐθάπτομεν; οὐδὲν ἐκείνου εἶδε πατὴρ Διοφῶν χρῆμ' ἀνιαρότερον.

520.—TOY AYTOY

*Ην δίζη Τίμαρχον ἐν *Αϊδος, ὄφρα πύθηαι ἤ τι περὶ ψυχῆς, ἢ πάλι πῶς ἔσεαι, δίζεσθαι φυλῆς Πτολεμαΐδος, υἰέα πατρὸς Παυσανίου· δήεις δ' αὐτὸν ἐν εὐσεβέων.

521.—TOY AYTOY

Κύζικον ἡν ἔλθης, ὀλίγος πόνος Ἱππακὸν εὐρεῖν καὶ Διδύμην ἀφανὴς οὔτι γὰρ ἡ γενεή καί σφιν ἀνιηρὸν μὲν ἐρεῖς ἔπος, ἔμπα δὲ λέξαι τοῦθ', ὅτι τὸν κείνων ὧδ' ἐπέχω Κριτίην.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 517-521

517.—CALLIMACHUS

It was morning when we buried Melanippus, and at sunset the maiden Basilo died by her own hand; for after laying her brother on the pyre she could not abide to live. The house of their father Aristippus witnessed a double woe, and all Cyrene stood with downcast eyes, seeing the home bereft of its lovely children.

518.—By THE SAME

A NYMPH from the mountains carried off Astacides the Cretan goat-herd, and now Astacides is holy. No more, ye shepherds, beneath the oaks of Dicte shall we sing of Daphnis, but ever of Astacides.

519.-By THE SAME

Who knows well to-morrow's fate, when thee, Charmis, who wast yesterday in our eyes, we bewailed and buried next day. Thy father Diophon never looked upon any more grievous thing.

520.—By THE SAME

Ir thou wouldst seek Timarchus in Hades to enquire anything about the soul, or about how it shall be with thee hereafter, ask for Pausanias' son of the tribe Ptolemais, and it is in the abode of the pious that thou shalt find him.

521.—By THE SAME

If thou comest to Cyzicus, it will be little trouble to find Hippacus and Didyme; for the family is by no means obscure. Then give them this message, grievous indeed, but fail not to give it, that I hold their Critias.

522.—TOY AYTOY

Τιμονόη, τίς δ' έσσί; μὰ δαίμονας, οὔ σ' ᾶν ἐπέγνων, εἰ μὴ Τιμοθέου πατρὸς ἐπῆν ὄνομα στήλη, καὶ Μήθυμνα τεὴ πόλις. ἢ μέγα φημὶ χῆρον ἀνιᾶσθαι σὸν πόσιν Εὐθυμένη.

523.—TOY AYTOY

Οἴτινες 'Αλείοιο παρέρπετε σᾶμα Κίμωνος ἴστε τὸν Ἱππαίου παίδα παρερχόμενοι.

524.--ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

- α. Ἡ ρ' ὑπὸ σοὶ Χαρίδας ἀναπαύεται; β. Εἰ τὸν ᾿Αρίμμα
- τοῦ Κυρηναίου παῖδα λέγεις, ὑπ' ἐμοί.
 α. Ὁ Χαρίδα, τί τὰ νέρθε; γ. Πολὺς σκότος.
 α. Αί δ' ἄνοδοι τί;
 - γ. Ψεῦδος. α. Ὁ δὲ Πλούτων; γ. Μῦθος. α. ἀπωλόμεθα.
- γ. Οὖτος ἐμὸς λόγος ὔμμιν ἀληθινός εἰ δὲ τὸν ἡδὺν 5 βούλει, πελλαίου βοῦς μέγας εἰν ἀἴδη.

525.—<u>TOY AYTOY</u>

- "Οστις έμον παρά σήμα φέρεις πόδα, Καλλιμάχου με ἴσθι Κυρηναίου παιδά τε και γενέτην.
- είδείης δ' ἄμφω κεν· ὁ μέν κοτε πατρίδος ὅπλων ήρξεν· ὁ δ' ἤεισεν κρέσσονα βασκανίης.
- οὐ νέμεσις. Μοῦσαι γὰρ ὅσους ἴδον ὅμματι παίδας 5 μη λοξῷ πολιοὺς οὐκ ἀπέθεντο φίλους.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 522-525

522.—By THE SAME

Timonom! But who art thou? By heaven I would not have recognised thee, had not thy father's name Timotheus and thy city's Methymna stood on the grave-stone. I know of a truth that thy widowed husband Euthymenes is in sore distress.

523.—BY THE SAME

YE who pass by the monument of Cimon of Elis, know that it is Hippaeus' son whom ye pass by.

524.—By THE SAME

A. "Doth Charidas rest beneath thee?" B. "If it is the son of Arimmas of Cyrene that you mean, he does." A. "What is it like below, Charidas?" C. "Very dark." A. "And what about return?" C. "All lies." A. "And Pluto?" C. "A myth." A. "I am done for." 1 C. "This is the truth that I tell you, but if you want to hear something agreeable, a large ox in Hades costs a shilling." (?)

525.—By THE SAME

Know thou who passest my monument that I am the son and father of Callimachus of Cyrene. Thou wilt have heard of both; the one once held the office of general in his city and the other sang songs which overcame envy. No marvel, for those on whom the Muses did not look askance in boyhood they do not cast off when they are grey.

i.e. all my hopes are gone.

526.—ΝΙΚΑΝΔΡΟΥ ΚΟΛΟΦΩΝΙΟΥ

Ζεῦ πάτερ, 'Οθρυάδα τίνα φέρτερον ἔδρακες ἄλλον, δς μόνος ἐκ Θυρέας οὐκ ἐθέλησε μολεῖν πατρίδ' ἐπὶ Σπάρταν, διὰ δὲ ξίφος ἤλασε πλευρᾶν, δοῦλα καταγράψας σκῦλα κατ' Ἰναχιδᾶν;

527.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Θεύδοτε, κηδεμόνων μέγα δάκρυον, οἴ σε θανόντα κώκυσαν, μέλεον πυρσὸν ἀναψάμενοι, αἰνόλινε, τρισάωρε· σὰ δ' ἀντὶ γάμου τε καὶ ἥβης κάλλιπες ἡδίστη ματρὶ γόους καὶ ἄχη.

528.—TOY AYTOY

Εὐρύσορον περὶ σῆμα τὸ Φαιναρέτης ποτὰ κοῦραι κέρσαντο ξανθοὺς Θεσσαλίδες πλοκάμους, πρωτοτόκον καὶ ἄποτμον ἀτυζόμεναι περὶ νύμφην Λάρισσαν δὰ φίλην ἤκαχε καὶ τοκέας.

529.—TOY AYTOY

Τόλμα καὶ εἰς ἀίδαν καὶ ἐς οὐρανὸν ἄνδρα κομίζει, ἃ καὶ Σωσάνδρου παῖδ' ἐπέβασε πυρᾶς, Δωρόθεον· Φθία γὰρ ἐλεύθερον ἡμαρ ἰάλλων ἐρραίσθη Σηκῶν μεσσόθι καὶ Χιμέρας.

530.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Μούναν σὺν τέκνοις νεκυοστόλε δέξο με πορθμεῦ τὰν λάλον ἀρκεῖ σοι φόρτος ὁ Τανταλίδης πληρώσει γαστὴρ μία σὸν σκάφος εἴσιδε κούρους καὶ κούρας, Φοίβου σκῦλα καὶ ᾿Αρτέμιδος.

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526.—NICANDER OF COLOPHON

O FATHER Zeus, didst thou ever see a braver than Othryadas, who would not return alone from Thyrea to Sparta his country, but transfixed himself with his sword after having inscribed the trophy signifying the subjection of the Argives.¹

527.—THEODORIDAS

Theodotus, cause of many tears to thy kinsmen, who lamented thee dead, lighting the mournful pyre, ill-fated, dead all too early, instead of joy in thy marriage and thy youth, to thy sweet mother is left but groaning and grief.

528.—By THE SAME

The daughters of Thessaly sheared their yellow locks at the spacious tomb of Phaenarete, distraught with grief for the luckless bride dead in her first childbed, and her dear Larissa and her parents were stricken with sorrow.

529.—By THE SAME

Daring leads a man to Hades and to heaven; daring laid Dorotheus, Sosander's son, on the pyre; for winning freedom for Phthia he was smitten midway between Sekoi and Chimera.

530.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

On Niobe and her children

Thou ferry-man of the dead, receive me, who could not hold my tongue, alone with my children; a boat-load from the house of Tantalus is sufficient for thee. One womb shall fill thy boat; look on my boys and girls, the spoils of Phoebus and Artemis.

531.—TOY AYTOY

Αὐτά τοι, τρέσσαντι παρὰ χρέος, ὅπασεν ἄδαν, βαψαμένα κοίλων ἐντὸς ἄρη λαγόνων, μάτηρ ἃ σ' ἔτεκεν, Δαμάτριε· φᾶ δὲ σίδαρον παιδὸς ἑοῦ φύρδαν μεστὸν ἔχουσα φόνου, ἀφριόεν κοναβηδὸν ἐπιπρίουσα γένειον, δερκομένα λοξαῖς, οἰα Λάκαινα, κόραις· "Λεῖπε τὸν Εὐρώταν, ἴθι Τάρταρον· ἀνίκα δειλὰν οἰσθα φυγάν, τελέθεις οὕτ' ἐμὸς οὔτε Λάκων."

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532.—ΙΣΙΔΩΡΟΥ ΑΙΓΕΑΤΟΥ

Έκ με γεωμορίης Ἐτεοκλέα πόντιος έλπὶς είλκυσεν, όθνείης ἔμπορον ἐργασίης νοτα δὲ Τυρσηνῆς ἐπάτευν ἀλός· ἀλλ' ἄμα νηὶ πρηνιχθεὶς κείνης ὕδασιν ἐγκατέδυν, ἀθρόον ἔμβρίσαντος ἀήματος. οὐκ ἄρ' άλωὰς αὐτὸς ἐπιπνείει κεἰς ὀθόνας ἄνεμος.

533.—ΔΙΟΝΥΣΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΙΟΥ

Καὶ Διὶ καὶ Βρομίφ με διάβροχον οὐ μέτζ ὀλισθεῖν, καὶ μόνον ἐκ δοιῶν, καὶ βροτὸν ἐκ μακάρων.

534.—ΑΥΤΟΜΕΔΟΝΤΟΣ ΑΙΤΩΛΟΥ

"Αυθρωπε, ζωής περιφείδεο, μηδε παρ' ὥρην ναυτίλος ἴσθι· καὶ ὡς οὐ πολὺς ἀνδρὶ βίος. δείλαιε Κλεόνικε, σὺ δ' εἰς λιπαρὴν Θάσον ἐλθεῖν ἠπείγευ, Κοίλης ἔμπορος ἐκ Συρίης, ἔμπορος, ὡ Κλεόνικε· δύσιν δ' ὑπὸ Πλειάδος αὐτὴν 5 ποντοπορών, αὐτἢ Πλειάδι συγκατέδυς.

H. C. Beeching, In a Garden, p. 97.

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531.—By THE SAME

The very mother who bore thee, Demetrius, gave thee death when forgetful of thy duty thou didst fly, driving the sword into thy flanks. Holding the steel that reeked with her son's blood, gnashing her teeth, foaming at the mouth, and looking askance like a Spartan woman as she was, she exclaimed "Leave the Eurotas; go to Tartarus. Since thou couldst fly like a coward, thou art neither mine nor Sparta's."

532.—ISIDORUS OF AEGAE

I am Eteocles whom the hopes of the sea drew from husbandry and made a merchant in place of what I was by nature. I was travelling on the surface of the Tyrrhenian Sea, but with my ship I sunk headlong into its depths in a sudden fierce squall. It is not then the same wind that blows on the threshing-floor and fills the sails.

533.—DIONYSIUS OF ANDROS

It is no great marvel that I slipped when soaked by Zeus ¹ and Bacchus. It was two to one, and gods against a mortal.

534.—AUTOMEDON OF AETOLIA

Man, spare thy life, and go not to sea in ill season. Even as it is, man's life is not long. Unhappy Cleonicus, thou wast hastening to reach bright Thasos, trading from Coelesyria—trading, O Cleonicus; but on thy voyage at the very setting of the Pleiads, with the Pleiads thou didst set.

¹ i.e. rain.

² Beginning of November.

535.—ΜΕΛΕΑΓΡΟΥ

Οὐκέθ' ὁμοῦ χιμάροισιν ἔχειν βίον, οὐκέτι ναίειν ο τραγόπους ὀρέων Πὰν ἐθέλω κορυφάς. τί γλυκύ μοι, τί ποθεινὸν ἐν οὕρεσιν; ἄλετο Δάφνις, Δάφνις δς ἡμετέρῃ πῦρ ἔτεκε κραδίῃ. ἄστυ τόδ' οἰκήσω· θηρῶν δέ τις ἄλλος ἐπ' ἄγρην στελλέσθω. τὰ πάροιθ' οὐκέτι Πανὶ φίλα.

536.—AAKAIOT [MITTAHNAIOT]

Οὐδὲ θανων ὁ πρέσβυς ἐῷ ἐπιτέτροφε τύμβφ βότρυν ἀπ' οἰνάνθης ἥμερον, ἀλλὰ βάτον, καὶ πνιγόεσσαν ἄχερδον, ἀποστύφουσαν ὁδιτῶν χείλεα καὶ δίψει καρφαλέον φάρυγα. ἀλλά τις Ἱππώνακτος ἐπὴν παρὰ σῆμα νέηται, εὐχέσθω κνώσσειν εὐμενέοντα νέκυν.

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537.—ΦΑΝΙΟΥ [ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ]

'Ηρίον οὐκ ἐπὶ πατρί, πολυκλαύτου δ' ἐπὶ παιδὸς Λῦσις ἄχει κενεὴν τήνδ' ἀνέχωσε κόνιν, οὕνομα ταρχύσας, ἐπεὶ οὐχ ὑπὸ χεῖρα τοκήων ἤλυθε δυστήνου λείψανα Μαντιθέου.

538.—ANTTHS

Μάνης οὖτος ἀνὴρ ἦν ζῶν ποτέ· νῦν δὲ τεθνηκὼς ἶσον Δαρείφ τῷ μεγάλφ δύναται.

J. A. Pott, Greek Love Songs and Epigrams, i. p. 24.

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535.—MELEAGER

No longer do I, goat-footed Pan, desire to dwell among the goats or on the hill-tops. What pleasure, what delight have I in mountains? Daphnis is dead, Daphnis who begot a fire in my heart. Here in the city will I dwell; let some one else set forth to hunt the wild beasts; Pan no longer loves his old life.

536.—ALCAEUS 1

Nor even now the old man is dead, do clusters of the cultivated vine grow on his tomb, but brambles and the astringent wild pear that contracts the traveller's lips and his throat parched with thirst. But he who passes by the tomb of Hipponax should pray his corpse to rest in sleep.

537.—PHANIAS

No monument for his father, but in mournful memory of his lamented son did Lysis build this empty mound of earth, burying but his name, since the remains of unhappy Mantitheus never came into his parents' hands.

538.—ANYTE

This man when alive was Manes,² but now he is dead he is as great as great Darius.

Probably the Messenian.

² A slave's name.

539.—ΠΕΡΣΟΥ ΠΟΙΗΤΟΥ

Οὐ προϊδών, Θεότιμε, κακὴν δύσιν ὑετίοιο 'Αρκτούρου, κρυερῆς ἥψαο ναυτιλίης, ὅ σε, δι' Αἰγαίοιο πολυκλήϊδι θέοντα νητ, σὺν οἶς ἐτάροις ἥγαγεν εἰς ἀΐδην. αἰαῖ, 'Αριστοδίκη δὲ καὶ Εὔπολις, οἵ σ' ἐτέκοντο, μύρονται, κενεὸν σῆμα περισχόμενοι.

540.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

Πρὸς σὲ Διὸς Ξενίου γουνούμεθα, πατρὶ Χαρίνφ ἄγγειλον Θήβην, ὧνερ, ἐπ' Αἰολίδα Μῆνιν καὶ Πολύνικον όλωλότε, καὶ τόδε φαίης, ὡς οὐ τὸν δόλιον κλαίομεν ἄμμι μόρον, καίπερ ὑπὸ Θρηκῶν φθίμενοι χερός, ἀλλὰ τὸ κείνου 5 γῆρας ἐν ἀργαλέη κείμενον ὀρφανίη.

541.—TOY AYTOY

Έστης εν προμάχοις, Χαιρωνίδη, ὧδ' ἀγορεύσας,
" Η μόρον, ἡ νίκαν, Ζεῦ, πολέμοιο δίδου,"
ἡνίκα τοι περὶ Τάφρον 'Αχαιίδα τῆ τότε νυκτὶ
δυσμενέες θρασέος δῆριν ἔθεντο πόνου.
ναὶ μὴν ἀντ' ἀρετῆς σε διακριδὸν 'Αλις ἀείδει,
θερμὸν ἀνὰ ξείνην ἄἶμα χἐαντα κόνιν.

542.—ΦΛΑΚΚΟΥ

Εβρου χειμερίοις ἀταλὸς κρυμοῖσι δεθ έντος κοῦρος ὀλισθηροῖς ποσσὶν ἔθραυσε πάγον,

¹ In November.

² The scene of a battle in which the Spartans defeated the

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539.—PERSES

HEEDLESS, Theotimus, of the coming evil setting of rainy Arcturus 1 didst thou set out on thy perilous voyage, which carried thee and thy companions, racing over the Aegaean in the many-oared galley, to Hades. Alas for Aristodice and Eupolis, thy parents, who mourn thee, embracing thy empty tomb.

540.—DAMAGETES

By Zeus, the Protector of strangers, we adjure thee, Sir, tell our father Charinus, in Aeolian Thebes, that Menis and Polynicus are no more; and say this, that though we perished at the hands of the Thracians, we do not lament our treacherous murder, but his old age left in bereavement ill to bear.

541.—By THE SAME

STANDING in the forefront of the battle, Chaeronidas, so spokest thou, "Zeus, grant me death or victory," on that night when by Achaean Taphros,² the foe made thee meet him in stubborn battle strife: verily doth Elis sing of thee above all men for thy valour, who didst then shed thy warm blood on the foreign earth.

542.—FLACCUS

THE tender boy, slipping, broke the ice of the Hebrus frozen by the winter cold, and as he was

Messenians, but this epigram must refer to some later combat on the same spot.

τοῦ παρασυρομένοιο περιρραγὲς αὐχέν' ἔκοψεν θηγαλέον ποταμοῦ Βιστονίοιο τρύφος. καὶ τὸ μὲν ἡρπάσθη δίναις μέρος· ἡ δὲ τεκοῦσα λειφθὲν ὕπερθε τάφω μοῦνον ἔθηκε κάρα. μυρομένη δὲ τάλαινα, "Τέκος, τέκος," εἶπε, "τὸ μέν σου πυρκαϊή, τὸ δέ σου πικρὸν ἔθαψεν ὕδωρ."

543.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Πάντα τις ἀρήσαιτο φυγεῖν πλόον, ὁππότε καὶ σύ, Θεύγενες, ἐν Λιβυκῷ τύμβον ἔθευ πελάγει, ἡνίκα σοι κεκμηὸς ἐπέπτατο φορτίδι νηὰ οὖλον ἀνηρίθμων κεῖνο νέφος γεράνων.

544.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Εἰπέ, ποτὶ Φθίαν εὐάμπελον ἤν ποθ' ἴκηαι καὶ πόλιν ἀρχαίαν, ὡ ξένε, Θαυμακίαν. ὡς δρυμὸν Μαλεαῖον ἀναστείβων ποτ' ἔρημον εἰδες Λάμπωνος τόνδ' ἐπὶ παιδὶ τάφον Δερξία, ὅν ποτε μοῦνον ἔλον δόλφ, οὐδ' ἀναφανδόν, κλῶπες ἐπὶ Σπάρταν δῖαν ἐπειγόμενον.

545.—ΗΓΗΣΙΠΠΟΥ

Την ἀπὸ πυρκαϊης ἐνδέξια φασὶ κέλευθον Ερμην τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς εἰς 'Ραδάμανθυν ἄγειν, ἡ καὶ 'Αριστόνοος, Χαιρεστράτου οὐκ ἀδάκρυτος παις, ἡγησίλεω δῶμ' 'Αϊδος κατέβη.

¹ cp. Bk. IX. No. 56.

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carried away by the current, a sharp fragment of the Bistonian river breaking away cut through his neck. Part of him was carried away by the flood, but his mother laid in the tomb all that was left to her above the ice, his head alone. And, wailing, she cried, "My child, my child, part of thee hath the pyre buried and part the cruel water." 1

543.—Anonymous

ONE should pray to be spared sea-voyages altogether, Theogenes, since thou, too, didst make thy grave in the Libyan Sea, when that tired close-packed flock of countless cranes descended like a cloud on thy loaded ship.²

544.—Anonymous

Tell, stranger, if ever thou dost come to Phthia, the land of vines, and to the ancient city of Thaumacia that, mounting once through the lonely woodland of Malea, thou didst see this tomb of Derxias the son of Lampo, whom once, as he hastened on his way to glorious Sparta, the bandits slew by treachery and not in open fight.

545.—HEGESIPPUS

They say that Hermes leads the just from the pyre to Rhadamanthus by the right-hand path, the path by which Aristonous, the not unwept son of Chaerestratus, descended to the house of Hades, the gatherer of peoples.

² Pliny (N.H. x. 13) tells of ships being similarly sunk by flocks of quails alighting on them at night.

546.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Είχε κορωνοβόλον πενίης λιμηρον 'Αρίστων ὅργανον, ῷ πτηνὰς ἠκροβόλιζε χένας, ἡκα παραστείχων δολίην ὁδόν, οἶος ἐκείνας ψεύσασθαι λοξοῖς ὅμμασι φερβομένας. νῦν δ' ὁ μὲν εἰν ἀίδη· τὸ δέ οἱ βέλος ὀρφανὸν ἤχου καὶ χερός· ἡ δ' ἄγρη τύμβον ὑπερπέταται.

547.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΣ

Τὰν στάλαν ἐχάραξε Βιάνωρ οὐκ ἐπὶ ματρί, οὐδ' ἐπὶ τῷ γενέτᾳ, πότμον ὀφειλόμενον, παρθενικῷ δ' ἐπὶ παιδί· κατέστενε δ', οὐχ 'Υμεναίῳ, ἀλλ' 'Αίδᾳ νύμφαν δωδεκέτιν κατάγων.

548.—TOY AYTOY

α. Τίς Δαίμων 'Αργεῖος ἐπ' ἠρίφ; ἄρα σύναιμος
 ἐστὶ Δικαιστέλους; β. 'Εστὶ Δικαιστέλους.

α. Ἡχὼ τοῦτ' ἐλάλησε πανύστατον, ἡ τόδ' ἀληθές,
 κεῖνος ὅδ' ἐστὶν ἀνήρ; β. Κεῖνος ὅδ' ἐστὶν ἀνήρ.

549.—TOY AYTOY

Πέτρος ἔτ' ἐν Σιπύλφ Νιόβη θρήνοις ἀναλύζει ἐπτὰ δὶς ἀδίνων δυρομένη θάνατον·
λήξει δ' οὐδ' αἰῶνι γόου. τί δ' ἀλαζόνα μῦθον φθέγξατο, τὸν ζωῆς ἄρπαγα καὶ τεκεων;
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546.—Anonymous

Aristo had his sling, a weapon procuring him a scanty living, with which he was wont to shoot the winged geese, stealing softly upon them so as to elude them as they fed with sidelong-glancing eyes. Now he is in Hades and the sling noiseless and idle with no hand to whirl it, and the game fly over his tomb.

547-550 ARE BY LEONIDAS OF ALEXANDRIA AND ARE ISOPSEPHA, LIKE BOOK VI. Nos. 321-329.

547

Bianon engraved the stone, not for his mother or father, as had been their meet fate, but for his unmarried daughter, and he groaned as he led the bride of twelve years not to Hymenaeus but to Hades.

548

"Who is the Argive Daemon on the tomb? Is he a brother of Dicaeoteles?" (Echo) "A brother of Dicaeoteles." "Did Echo speak the last words, or is it true that this is the man?" (Echo) "This is the man."

549

NIOBE, a rock in Sipylus, still sobs and wails, mourning for the death of twice seven children, and never during the ages shall she cease from her plaint. Why did she speak the boastful words that robbed her of her life and her children?

550.—TOY AYTOY

Ναυηγὸς γλαυκοῖο φυγὼν Τρίτωνος ἀπειλὰς 'Ανθεὺς Φθιώτην οὐ φύγεν αἰνόλυκον' Πηνειοῦ παρὰ χῦμα γὰρ ὥλετο. φεῦ τάλαν ὅστις Νηρείδων Νύμφας ἔσχεν ἀπιστοτέρας.

551.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Λητόϊος καὶ Παῦλος ἀδελφεὼ ἄμφω ἐόντε ξυνὴν μὲν βιότου συζυγίην ἐχέτην, ξυνὰ δὲ καὶ Μοίρης λαχέτην λίνα, καὶ παρὰ θῖνα Βοσπορίην ξυνὴν ἀμφεβάλουτο κόνιν. οὐδὲ γὰρ ἀλλήλοιν ζώειν ἀπάνευθε δυνάσθην, 5 ἀλλὰ συνετρεχέτην καὶ παρὰ Φερσεφόνην. χαίρετον ὧ γλυκερὼ καὶ ὁμόφρονε· σήματι δ' ὑμέων ὥφελεν ἱδρῦσθαι βωμὸς 'Ομοφροσύνης.

552.—TOY AYTOY

α. 'Ω ξένε, τί κλαίεις; β. Διάφτον μόρον. α. Οἰσθα τίς εἰμι;

β. Οὐ μὰ τόν· ἀλλ' ἔμπης οἰκτρὸν ὁρῶ τὸ τέλος.
 ἐσσὶ δὲ τίς; α. Περίκλεια.
 β. Γυνὴ τίνος; α. ἀν-δρὸς ἀρίστου,

ρήτορος, έξ 'Ασίης, οὔνομα Μεμνονίου.

β. Πῶς δέ σε Βοσπορίη κατέχει κόνις; α. Εἴρεο Μοῖραν,

η μοι τηλε πάτρης ξείνον έδωκε τάφον.

β. Παίδα λίπες ; α. Τριέτηρον, δς εν μεγάροισιν άλύων

ἐκδέχεται μαζῶν ἡμετέρων σταγόνα.

β. Αἴθε καλῶς ζώοι. α. Ναί, ναί, φίλος, εὕχεο κείνω, ὅφρα μοι ἡβήσας δάκρυ φίλον σταλάοι. 10

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550

Antheus, who escaped the threats of sea-green Trito, escaped not the terrible Phthian wolf. For by the stream of Peneus he perished. Unfortunate! to whom the Nymphs were more treacherous than the Nereids.¹

551.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

LETOEUS and Paulus, being two brothers, were united in life, and united in the predestined hour of their death, they lie by the Bosporus clothed in one shroud of dust. For they could not live apart from each other, but ran together to Persephone. Hail, sweet pair, ever of one mind; on your tomb should stand an altar of Concord.

552.—By THE SAME

A. "Stranger, why mournest thou?" B. "For thy fate." A. "Dost know who I am?" B. "No, by ——! but still I see thy end was wretched, and who art thou?" A. "Periclea." B. "Whose wife?" A. "The wife of a noble man, an orator from Asia, by name Memnonius." B. "And how is it that thou liest by the Bosporus?" A. "Ask Fate who gave me a tomb in a strange land far from my own country." B. "Didst thou leave a son?" A. "One of three years old, who wanders up and down the house seeking the milk of my breasts." B. "May he live and prosper." A. "Yea, yea, my friend, pray for him, that he may grow up and shed sweet tears for me."

553.—ΔΑΜΑΣΚΙΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥ

Ζωσίμη, ή πρὶν ἐοῦσα μόνφ τῷ σώματι δούλη, καὶ τῷ σώματι νῦν εὖρεν ἐλευθερίην.

554.—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Λατύπος 'Αρχιτέλης 'Αγαθάνορι παιδί θανόντι χερσίν δίζυραις ήρμολόγησε τάφον, αἰαι, πέτρον ἐκεινον, ον οὐκ ἐκόλαψε σίδηρος, ἀλλ' ἐτάκη πυκινοις δάκρυσι τεγγόμενος. φεῦ, στήλη φθιμένφ κούφη μένε, κεινος ἴν' εἴπη· "'Οντως πατρφή χεὶρ ἐπέθηκε λίθον."

555.—ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΟΙΗΤΟΥ

Ές πόσιν άθρήσασα παρ' ἐσχατίης λίνα μοίρης ἤνεσα καὶ χθονίους, ἤνεσα καὶ ζυγίους· τοὺς μέν, ὅτι ζωὸν λίπον ἀνέρα· τοὺς δ', ὅτι τοῖον. ἀλλὰ πατὴρ μίμνοι παισὶν ἐφ' ἡμετέροις.

555B.—TOY AYTOY

Τοῦτο σαοφροσύνας ἀντάξιον εὕρεο, Νοστώ· δάκρυά σοι γαμέτας σπεῖσε καταφθιμένα.

556.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΑΝΘΥΠΑΤΟΥ

Νηλειής 'Αίδης' έπὶ 'σοὶ δ' ἐγέλασσε θανόντι, Τίτυρε, καὶ νεκύων θῆκέ σε μιμολόγον.

557.—KTPOT HOIHTOT

Τρεῖς ἐτέων δεκάδες, Μαίης χρόνος· ἐς τρία δ' ἄλλα ἔτρεχεν, ἀλλ' 'Αίδης πικρὸν ἔπεμψε βέλος· θηλυτέρην δ' ἥρπαξε ῥόδων καλύκεσσιν ὁμοίην, πάντ' ἀπομαξαμένην ἔργα τὰ Πηνελόπης.

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553.—DAMASCIUS THE PHILOSOPHER

ZOSIME who was never a slave but in body, has now gained freedom for her body too.

554.—PHILIPPUS OF THESSALONICA

THE mason Architeles with mourning hands constructed a tomb for Agathanor his son. Alas! alas! this stone no chisel cut, but drenched by many tears it crumbled. Thou, tablet, rest lightly on the dead, that he may say "Of a truth it was my father's hand which placed this stone on me."

555.—JOANNES THE POET

LOOKING at my husband, as my life was ebbing away, I praised the infernal gods, and those of wedlock, the former because I left my husband alive, the latter that he was so good a husband. But may their father live to bring up our children.

555B.—By THE SAME

This, Nosto, was the reward thy virtue gained, that thy husband shed tears for thee at thy death.

556.—THEODORUS PROCONSUL

On a mime

HADES is grim, but he laughed at thy death, Tityrus, and made thee the mime of the dead.

557.—CYRUS THE POET

Maia had passed her thirtieth year and was approaching her thirty-third, when Hades cast at her his cruel dart and carried off the woman who was like a rosebud, a very counterpart of Penelope in her work.

558.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

"Αδης μὲν σύλησεν ἐμῆς νεότητος ὀπώρην, κρύψε δὲ παππώω μνήματι τῷδε λίθος. οὔνομα 'Ρουφίνος γενόμην, πάϊς Αἰθερίοιο, μητρὸς δ' ἐξ ἀγαθῆς· ἀλλὰ μάτην γενόμην. ἐς γὰρ ἄκρον μούσης τε καὶ ἥβης ἦκον ἐλάσσας, το φεῦ, σοφὸς εἰς ἀἴδην, καὶ νέος εἰς ἔρεβος. κώκυε καὶ σὺ βλέπων τάδε γράμματα μακρόν, ὁδῖτα· δὴ γὰρ ἔφυς ζωῶν ἡ πάϊς ἡὲ πατήρ.

559.—ΘΕΟΣΕΒΕΙΑΣ

Είδεν 'Ακεστορίη τρία πένθεα· κείρατο χαίτην πρώτον ἐφ' Ίπποκράτει, καὶ δεύτερον ἀμφὶ Γαληνῷ· καὶ νῦν 'Αβλαβίου γοερῷ περὶ σήματι κεῖται, αἰδομένη μετὰ κεῖνον ἐν ἀνθρώποισι φανῆναι.

560.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Εἰ καὶ ἐπὶ ξείνης σε, Λεόντιε, γαῖα καλύπτει, εἰ καὶ ἐρικλαύτων τῆλ' ἔθανες γονέων, πολλά σοι ἐκ βλεφάρων ἐχύθη περιτύμβια φωτῶν δάκρυα, δυστλήτω πένθεϊ δαπτομένων. πᾶσι γὰρ ἦσθα λίην πεφιλημένος, οἶά τε πάντων ξυνὸς ἐὼν κοῦρος, ξυνὸς ἐὼν ἔταρος. αἰαῖ, λευγαλέη καὶ ἀμείλιχος ἔπλετο Μοῦρα, μηδὲ τεῆς ἥβης, δύσμορε, φεισαμένη.

561.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

'Η Φύσις ωδίνασα πολύν χρόνον ανέρ' έτικτεν ἄξιον εἰς άρετὴν των προτέρων ἐτέων,

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558.—Anonymous

HADES spoiled the ripe fruit of my youth and the stone hid me in this ancestral tomb. My name was Rufinus, the son of Aetherius and I was born of a noble mother, but in vain was I born; for after reaching the perfection of education and youth, I carried, alas! my learning to Hades and my youth to Erebus. Lament long, O traveller, when thou readest these lines, for without doubt thou art either the father or the son of living men.

559.—THEOSEBEIA

THREE sorrows Medicine 1 met with. First she shore her hair for Hippocrates, and next for Galen, and now she lies on the tearful tomb of Ablabius, ashamed, now he is gone, to shew herself among men.

560.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

Though the earth cover thee in a strange land, Leontius, though thou didst die far from thy afflicted parents, yet many funeral tears were shed for thee by mortals consumed by insufferable sorrow. For thou wert greatly beloved by all and it was just as if thou wert the common child, the common companion of every one. Ah! direful and merciless was Fate that spared not even thy youth.

561.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

NATURE after long labour gave birth to a man whose virtue was worthy of former years, Craterus

^{1 &#}x27;Aκεστορία is the same as 'Ακέσω daughter of Aesculapius.

τον Κρατερον σοφίην τε καὶ οὔνομα, τον καὶ ἀνιγροῖς κινήσαντα γόφ δάκρυον ἀντιπάλοις.

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εί δὲ νέος τέθνηκεν, ὑπέρτερα νήματα Μοίρης μέμφεο, βουλομένης κόσμον ἄκοσμον ἔχειν.

562.—TOY AYTOY

' Ω φθέγμα Κρατεροίο, τί σοι πλέον εἴ γε καὶ αὐδῆς ἔπλεο καὶ σιγῆς αἴτιον ἀντιπάλοις; ζῶντος μὲν γὰρ ἄπαντες ἐφώνεον· ἐκ δὲ τελευτῆς ὑμετέρης ἰδίην αὖθις ἔδησαν ὅπα.
οὔτις γὰρ μετὰ σεῖο μόρον τέτληκε τανύσσαι ὧτα λόγοις· Κρατερῶ δ' ἐν τέλος ἦδὲ λόγοις.

563.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Σιγᾶς Χρυσεόμαλλε τὸ χάλκεον, οὐκέτι δ' ἡμῖν εἰκόνας ἀρχεγόνων ἐκτελέεις μερόπων νεύμασιν ἀφθόγγοισι· τεὴ δ', ὅλβιστε, σιωπὴ νῦν στυγερὴ τελέθει, τῆ πρὶν ἐθελγόμεθα.

564.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Τῆδέ ποτ' ἀκτερέιστον εδέξατο γαία χανοῦσα Λαοδίκην, δητων ὕβριν ἀλευομένην. σῆμα δ' ἀμαλδύναντος ἀνωΐστοιο χρόνοιο, Μάξιμος ἔκδηλον θῆκ' 'Ασίης ὕπατος, καὶ κούρης χάλκειον ἐπεὶ τύπον ἐφράσατ' ἄλλη κείμενον ἀκλειῶς, τῷδ' ἐπέθηκε κύκλῳ.

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(strong) in name and in wisdom, whose death moved to tears even his grievous opponents. If he died young, blame the supreme decree of Fate who willed that the world should be despoiled of its ornament.¹

562.—By THE SAME

O ELOQUENCE of Craterus, what profits it thee if thou wast a cause of speech or of silence to thy adversaries? When thou didst live, all cried out in applause; but after thy death the mouths of all are sealed; for none any more would lend an ear to speeches. The art of speaking perished with Craterus.

563.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

Thou art bound in brazen silence, Chryseomallus, and no longer dost thou figure to us the men of old time in dumb show.² Now, most gifted man, is thy silence, in which we once took delight, grievous to us.

564.—Anonymous

HERE on a time the earth opened to receive Laodice,³ not duly laid to rest, but flying from the violence of the enemy. Unreckonable Time having effaced the monument, Maximus the Proconsul of Asia brought it again to light, and having noticed the girl's bronze statue lying elsewhere unhonoured, he set it up on this circular barrow.

He was a mime. The daughter of Priam.

¹ The play on the two senses of "cosmos" cannot be reproduced.

565.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

Αὐτὴν Θειοδότην ὁ ζωγράφος. αἴθε δὲ τέχνης ἤμβροτε, καὶ λήθην δῶκεν ὀδυρομένοις.

566.--ΜΑΚΗΔΟΝΙΟΥ ΥΠΑΤΟΥ

Γαία, καὶ Εἰλείθυια, σὰ μὲν τέκες, ἡ δὲ καλύπτεις· χαίρετον· ἀμφοτέρας ἤνυσα τὸ στάδιον. εἰμι δέ, μὴ νοέων πόθι νίσομαι· οὐδὲ γὰρ ὑμέας ἡ τίνος ἡ τίς ἐων οἰδα πόθεν μετέβην.

567.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Κανδαύλου τόδε σημα· δίκη δ' έμον οἶτον ἰδοῦσα οὐδὲν ἀλιτραίνειν τὴν παράκοιτιν ἔφη. ήθελε γὰρ δισσοῖσιν ὑπ' ἀνδράσι μηδὲ φανῆναι, ἀλλ' ἡ τὸν πρὶν ἔχειν, ἡ τὸν ἐπιστάμενον. χρῆν ἄρα Κανδαύλην παθέειν κακόν· οὐ γὰρ ἄν ἔτλη δεῦξαι τὴν ἰδίην ὄμμασιν ἀλλοτρίοις.

568.—TOY AYTOY

Έπτά με δὶς λυκάβαντας ἔχουσαν ἀφήρπασε δαίμων, ἡν μούνην Διδύμω πατρὶ Θάλεια τέκεν.
ἀ Μοῖραι, τί τοσοῦτον ἀπηνέες, οὐδ' ἐπὶ παστοὺς ήγάγετ' οὐδ' ἐρατῆς ἔργα τεκνοσπορίης;
οἱ μὲν γὰρ γονέες με γαμήλιον εἰς 'Υμέναιον 5 μέλλον ἄγειν· στυγεροῦ δ' εἰς 'Αχέροντος ἔβην.
ἀλλὰ θεοί, λίτομαι, μητρός γε γόους πατέρος τε παύσατε, τηκομένων εἴνεκ' ἐμεῦ φθιμένης.

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565.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

THE painter limned Theodote just as she was Would his art had failed him and he had given forgetfulness to us who mourn her.

566.—MACEDONIUS CONSUL

EARTH and Ilithyia, one of you brought me to birth, the other covers me. Farewell! I have run the race of each. I depart, not knowing whither I go, for neither do I know who I was or whose or from whence when I came to you.

567.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

This is the monument of Candaules,² and Justice seeing my fate said that my wife committed no crime; for she wished not to be seen by two men, but wished either her first husband or him who knew her charms to possess her. It was fated for Candaules to come to an evil end; otherwise he would never have ventured to show his own wife to strange eyes.

568.—By THE SAME

FATE carried me off but fourteen years old, the only child that Thalia bore to Didymus. Ah, ye Destinies, why were ye so hard-hearted, never bringing me to the bridal chamber or the sweet task of conceiving children? My parents were on the point of leading me to Hymen, but I went to loathed Acheron. But, ye gods, still, I pray, the plaints of my father and mother who wither away because of my death.

² See Herod. i. 11.

¹ What he means is "the race of life and death."

569.—TOY AYTOY

Ναὶ λίτομαι, παροδιτα, φίλφ κατάλεξον ἀκοίτη, εὖτ' ἂν ἐμὴν λεύσσης πατρίδα Θεσσαλίην·
"Κάτθανε σὴ παράκοιτις, ἔχει δέ μιν ἐν χθονὶ τύμβος, αἰαῖ, Βοσπορίης ἐγγύθεν ἢιόνος·
ἀλλά μοι αὐτόθι τεῦχε κενήριον ἐγγύθι σεῖο, 5
ὄΦρ' ἀναμιμνήσκη τῆς ποτὲ κουριδίης."

570.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Δουλκίτιον μὲν ἄνακτες ἄκρον βιότοιο πρὸς ὅλβον ἤγαγον ἐξ ἀρετής καὶ κλέος ἀνθυπάτων ώς δὲ φύσις μιν ἔλυσεν ἀπὸ χθονός, ἀθάνατοι μὲν αὐτὸν ἔχουσι θεοί, σῶμα δὲ σηκὸς ὅδε.

571.—ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Ορφέος οι χομένου, τάχα τις τότε λείπετο Μοῦσα·
σεῦ δέ, Πλάτων, φθιμένου, παύσατο καὶ κιθάρη·
ἢν γὰρ ἔτι προτέρων μελέων ὀλίγη τις ἀπορρωξ
ἐν σαῖς σωζομένη καὶ φρεσὶ καὶ παλάμαις.

572.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Οὐχ ὁσίοις λεχέεσσιν ἐτέρπετο λάθριος ἀνήρ, λέκτρον ὑποκλέπτων ἀλλοτρίης ἀλόχου ἐξαπίνης δὲ δόμων ὀροφή πέσε, τοὺς δὲ κακούργους ἔσκεπεν, ἀλλήλοις εἰσέτι μισγομένους. ξυνή δ' ἀμφοτέρους κατέχει παγίς εἰν ἐνὶ δ' ἄμφω κεῖνται, συζυγίης οὐκέτι παυόμενοι.

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569.—By THE SAME

YEA, I pray thee, traveller, tell my dear husband, when thou seest my country Thessaly, "Thy wife is dead and rests in her tomb, alas, near the shore of the Bosporus. But build me at home a cenotaph near thee, so that thou mayest be reminded of her who was once thy spouse."

570.—Anonymous

Our princes, owing to his virtues, promoted Dulcitius to great wealth and proconsular rank; and now that Nature has released him from earth, the immortal gods possess himself, but this enclosure his body.

571.—LEONTIUS SCHOLASTICUS

When Orpheus departed, perchance some Muse survived, but at thy death, Plato, the lyre ceased to sound. For in thy mind and in thy fingers there yet survived some little fragment at least of ancient music.

572.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

A CERTAIN man secretly took his pleasure in unholy intercourse, stealing the embraces of another man's wife; but of a sudden the roof fell in and buried the sinners still coupled. One trap holds both, and together they lie in an embrace that never ceases.

¹ A contemporary musician.

-573.—ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Χειρεδίου τόδε σημα, τον ἔτρεφεν 'Ατθὶς ἄρουρα εἰκόνα ἡητήρων της προτέρης δεκάδος, ἡηϊδίως πείθοντα δικασπόλου· ἀλλὰ δικάζων οὔποτε της ὀρθης οὐδ' ὅσον ἐτράπετο.

574.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Θεσμοὶ μὲν μεμέληντο συνήθεες 'Αγαθονίκως Μοῖρα δὲ δειμαίνειν οὐ δεδάηκε νόμους ἀλλά μιν ἀρπάξασα σοφῶν ἤμερσε θεμίστων, οὕπω τῆς νομίμης ἔμπλεον ἡλικίης. οἰκτρὰ δ' ὑπὲρ τύμβοιο κατεστονάχησαν ἐταῖροι κείμενον, οὖ θιάσου κόσμον ὀδυρόμενοι ἡ δὲ κόμην τίλλουσα γόω πληκτίζετο μήτηρ, αἰαῖ, τὸν λαγόνων μόχθον ἐπισταμένη. ἔμπης ὅλβιος οὖτος, ος ἐν νεότητι μαρανθεὶς ἔκφυγε τὴν βιότου θᾶσσον ἀλιτροσύνην.

575.--ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

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Σῆμα 'Ρόδης· Τυρίη δὲ γυνὴ πέλεν· ἀντὶ δὲ πάτρης ἴκετο τήνδε πόλιν, κηδομένη τεκέων. αὐτὴ ἀειμνήστοιο λέχος κόσμησε Γεμέλλου, δς πάρος εὐνομίης ἴδμονα θῆκε πόλιν. γρῆϋς μὲν μόρον εὖρεμ, ὄφελλε δὲ μυρία κύκλα ζώειν· τῶν ἀγαθῶν οὐ δεχόμεσθα κόρον.

576.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΎ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΎ

 α. Κάτθανες, & Πύρρων; β. Ἐπέχω. α. Πυμάτην μετὰ μοῖραν
 φὴς ἐπέχειν; β. Ἐπέχω. α. Σκέψιν ἔπαυσε τάφος.

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573.—LEONTIUS SCHOLASTICUS

This is the tomb of Cheiredius whom the Attic land nourished, an orator the image of the ancient ten,¹ ever easily convincing the judge, but when himself a judge never swerving a hair's breadth from the straight path.

574.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

Agathomicus had diligently studied jurisprudence, but Fate has not learnt to fear the laws, and laying hands on him tore him from his learning in it, before he was of lawful age to practise. His fellow-students bitterly lamented over his tomb, mourning for the ornament of their company, and his mother tearing her hair in her mourning beat herself, remembering, alas, the labour of her womb. Yet blest was he in fading young and escaping early the iniquity of life.

575.—LEONTIUS SCHOLASTICUS

The tomb is Rhode's. She was a Tyrian woman, and quitting her country came to this city for the sake of her children. She adorned the bed of Gemellus of eternal memory, who formerly was a professor of law in this city. She died in old age, but should have lived for thousands of years: we never feel we have enough of the good.

576.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

A. "Are you dead, Pyrrho?" B. "I doubt it."
A. "Even after your final dissolution, do you say you doubt?" B. "I doubt." A. "The tomb has put an end to doubt."

¹ The celebrated ten Attic orators.

² The Sceptic philosopher.

577.—TOY AYTOY

Όστις με τριόδοισι μέσαις τάρχυσε θανόντα, λυγρὰ παθὼν τύμβου μηδ' ολίγοιο τύχοι, πάντες ἐπεὶ Τίμωνα νέκυν πατέουσιν όδιται, καὶ μόρος ἄμμι μόνοις ἄμμορος ήσυχίης.

578.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Τον κρατερον Πανοπηα, τον άγρευτηρα λεόντων, τον λασιοστέρνων κέντορα παρδαλίων, τύμβος έχει· γλαφυρης γαρ άπο χθονος έκτανε δεινος σκορπίος, οὐτήσας ταρσον όρεσσιβάτην. αἰγανέη δὲ τάλαινα σίγυνά τε παρ χθονὶ κεῖται, αἰαῖ, θαρσαλέων παίγνια δορκαλίδων.

579.—ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Πέτρου όρᾶς ἡητῆρος ἀεὶ γελόωσαν ὀπωπήν, εξόχου εἰν ἀγοραῖς, εξόχου εἰν ἀγοραῖς, εξόχου ἐν φιλίη. ἐν δὲ Διωνύσου θηεύμενος ἄλετο μοῦνος, ὑψόθεν ἐκ τέγεος σὺν πλεόνεσσι πεσών, βαιὸν ἐπιζήσας, ὅσον ἤρκεσε. τοῦτον ἔγωγε ἄγριον οὐ καλέω, τὸν δὲ φύσει θάνατον.

580.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

Οὔποτέ με κρύψεις ὑπο πυθμένα νείατον αἴης τόσσον, ὅσον κρύψαι πάνσκοπον ὅμμα Δίκης.

581.—TOY AYTOY

Αυτὶ φόνου τάφον ἄμμι χαρίζεαι, ἀλλά καὶ αὐτὸς το ων ἀντιτύχοις οὐρανόθεν χαρίτων.

i.e. long enough to set his affairs in order.

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577.-By THE SAME

May he who buried me at the cross-roads come to an ill end and get no burial at all; since all the travellers tread on Timon and in death, the portion of all, I alone have no portion of repose.

578.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

In this tomb rests strong Panopeus the lion-hunter, the piercer of shaggy-breasted panthers; for a terrible scorpion issuing from a hole in the earth smote his heel as he walked on the hills and slew him. On the ground, alas, lie his poor javelin and spear, to be the playthings of impudent deer.

579.—LEONTIAS SCHOLASTICUS

Thou seest the ever-smiling face of Peter the orator, excellent in debate, excellent in friendship. In the theatre whilst looking at the performance he fell from the roof with others and was the only one who died, after surviving a short time, sufficient for his needs. I call this no violent death, but a natural one.

580.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

NEVER shalt thou hide me even in the very bottom of the earth in a manner that shall hide the all-seeing eye of Justice.²

581.—BY THE SAME

Thou givest me a tomb in return for murdering me, but may heaven grant thee in return the same kindness.

² This and the following are supposed to be addressed to his murderers by a man killed by robbers. *cp.* No. 310.

582.—TOY AYTOY

Χαῖρέ μοι, ὧ ναυηγέ, καὶ εἰς 'Αίδαο περήσας μέμφεο μὴ πόντου κύμασιν, ἀλλ' ἀνέμοις. κεῖνοι μέν σ' ἐδάμασσαν· άλὸς δέ σε μείλιχον ὕδωρ ἐς χθόνα καὶ πατέρων ἐξεκύλισε τάφους.

583.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

'Αβάλε μηδ' ἐγένοντο γάμοι, μὴ νύμφια λέκτρα·
οὐ γὰρ ἃν ἀδίνων ἐξεφάνη πρόφασις.
νῦν δ' ἡ μὲν τριτάλαινα γυνὴ τίκτουσα κάθηται,
γαστρὶ δὲ δυσκόλπω νεκρὸν ἔνεστι τέκος·
τρισσὴ δ' ἀμφιλύκη δρόμον ἤνυσεν, ἐξότε μίμνει
τὸ βρέφος ἀπρήκτοις ἐλπίσι τικτόμενον.
κούφη σοὶ τελέθει γαστήρ, τέκος, ἀντὶ κονίης·
αὕτη γάρ σε φέρει, καὶ χθονὸς οὐ χατέεις.

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584.—ΙΟΤΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

Πλώεις ναυηγόν με λαβών καὶ σήματι χώσας; πλώε, Μαλειάων ἄκρα φυλασσόμενος· aiel δ' εὐπλοίην μεθέποις φίλος· ἡν δέ τι ῥέξῃ ἄλλο Τύχη, τούτων ἀντιάσαις χαρίτων.

585.—TOY AYTOY

Μύγδων τέρμα βίοιο λαχών, αὐτόστολος ἦλθεν εἰς ἀἴδην, νεκύων πορθμίδος οὐ χατέων. ἢν γὰρ ἔχε ζώων βιοδώτορα, μάρτυρα μόχθων, ἄγραις εἰναλίαις πολλάκι βριθομένην,

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582.—By THE SAME

HAIL! thou ship-wrecked man, and when thou landest in Hades, blame not the waves of the sea, but the winds. It was they who overcame thee, but the kindly water of the sea cast thee out on the land by the tombs of thy fathers.

583.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

O would that marriage and bridal beds had never been, for then there would have been no occasion for child-bed. But now the poor woman sat in labour and in the unhappy recess of her womb lay the dead child. Three days passed and ever the babe remained with unfulfilled hope of its being born. The womb, O babe, instead of the dust rests lightly on thee, for it enwraps thee and thou hast no need of earth.

584.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

Dost thou travel on the sea, thou who didst take up my ship-wrecked body and bury it in a tomb? Travel, but avoid Cape Malea, and mayst thou ever, my friend, find fair weather. But if Fortune be adverse, mayst thou meet with the same kindness.

585.—By THE SAME

Mygnon, the span of his life finished, went to Hades in his own boat, not requiring the ferry-boat of the dead. For she who was in life his support and the witness of his toil, often loaded with his

τήνδε καὶ ἐν θανάτφ λάχε σύνδρομον, εὖτε τελευτὴν 5 εὕρετο συλλήξας όλκάδι καιομένη. οὕτω πιστὸν ἄνακτι πέλεν σκάφος, οἶκον ἀέξον Μύγδονι, καὶ σύμπλουν ἐς βίον, ἐς θάνατον.

586.—TOY AYTOY

Οὕτι σε πόντος ὅλεσσε καὶ οὐ πνείοντες ἀῆται, ἀλλ' ἀκόρητος ἔρως φοιτάδος ἐμπορίης. εἴη μοι γαίης ὀλίγος βίος· ἐκ δὲ θαλάσσης ἄλλοισιν μελέτω κέρδος ἀελλομάχον.

587.—TOY AYTOY

Είς Πάμφιλον φιλόσοφον

Χθών σε τέκεν, πόντος δὲ διώλεσε, δέκτο δὲ θῶκος Πλουτῆος· κείθεν δ' οὐρανὸν εἰσανέβης. οὐχ ώς ναυηγὸς δὲ βυθῷ θάνες, ἀλλ' ἵνα πάντων κλήροις ἀθανάτων, Πάμφιλε, κόσμον ἄγης.

588.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Δαμόχαρις Μοίρης πυμάτην ὑπεδύσατο σιγήν. φεῦ· τὸ καλὸν Μούσης βάρβιτον ἠρεμέει· ὅλετο Γραμματικῆς ἔερὴ βάσις. ἀμφιρύτη Κῶς, καὶ πάλι πένθος ἔχεις οἶον ἐφ' Ἱπποκράτει.

589.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΎ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΎ

Μηδεν ἀπαγγείλειας ες 'Αντιόχειαν, όδιτα, μη πάλιν οἰμώξη χεύματα Κασταλίης,

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prey from the sea, was his fellow-traveller in death too, when he came to his end in company with the burning boat; so faithful to her master was she increasing his substance and travelling with him to life 1 and to death.

586.—By THE SAME

It was not the sea which was thy end, and the gales, but insatiable love of that commerce which turned thee mad. Give me a little living from the land; let others pursue profit from the sea gained by fighting the storms.

587.—By THE SAME

On Pamphilus the Philosopher

The earth bore thee, the sea destroyed thee, and Pluto's seat received thee, and thence thou didst ascend to heaven. Thou didst not perish in the deep, Pamphilus, as one shipwrecked, but in order to add an ornament to the domains of all the immortals.

588.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

DAMOCHARIS passed into the final silence of Fate; alas! the Muses' lovely lyre is silent; the holy foundation of Grammar has perished. Sea-girt Cos, thou art again in mourning as for Hippocrates.

589.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

BEAR not the message, traveller, to Antioch, lest again the streamlets of Castalia lament, because of a

i.e. to get his living. See No. 381 of which this is an imitation.

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ούνεκεν έξαπίνης Εὐστόργιος ἔλλιπε μοῦσαν, θεσμῶν τ' Αὐσονίων ἐλπίδα μαψιδέην, έβδόματον δέκατόν τε λαχῶν ἔτος· ἐς δὲ κονίην ἡμείφθη κενεὴν εὕσταχυς ἡλικίη. καὶ τὸν μὲν κατέχει χθόνιος τάφος· ἀντὶ δ' ἐκείνου οὔνομα καὶ γραφίδων χρώματα δερκόμεθα.

590.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

 α. Κλεινὸς Ἰωάννης.
 β. Θνητός, λέγε.
 α. Γαμβρὸς ἀνάσσης.

β. Θνητὸς ὅμως. α. Γενεῆς ἄνθος ᾿Αναστασίου. β. Θνητοῦ κἀκείνου. α. Βίον ἔνδικος. β. Οὐκέτι

θνητὸν ἔφης· ἀρεταὶ κρείσσονές εἰσι μόρου.

591.—TOY AYTOY

Ύπατίου τάφος εἰμί· νέκυν δ' οὔ φημι καλύπτειν τόσσου τόσσος ἐὼν Αὐσονίων προμάχου· γαῖα γὰρ αἰδομένη λιτῷ μέγαν ἀνέρα χῶσαι σήματι, τῷ πόντῳ μᾶλλον ἔδωκεν ἔχειν.

592.—TOY AYTOY

Αὐτὸς ἄναξ νεμέσησε πολυφλοίσβοισι θαλάσσης κύμασιν, Υπατίου σῶμα καλυψαμένοις ήθελε γάρ μιν ἔχειν γέρας ὕστατον, οἶα θανόντα, καὶ μεγαλοφροσύνης κρύψε θάλασσα χάριν. ἔνθεν, πρηϋνόου κραδίης μέγα δεῖγμα, φαεινὸν τίμησεν κενεῷ σήματι τῷδε νέκυν.

¹ One of Justinian's generals.

The poet in these epigrams does not mention that Jus-

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sudden at the age of seventeen Eustorgius left the Muse and his unfulfilled hope of learning in Roman Law, and to empty dust was changed the bloom of his youth. He lies in the tomb and instead of him we see his name and the colours of the brush.

590.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

A. "Famous was Ioannes." B. "Mortal, say." A. "The son-in-law of an empress." B. "Yes, but mortal." A. "The flower of the family of Anastasius." B. "And mortal too was he." A. "Righteous in his life." B. "That is no longer mortal. Virtue is stronger than death."

591.—By THE SAME

I AM the tomb of Hypatius 1 and I do not say that I contain in this little space the remains of the great Roman general. For the earth, ashamed of burying so great a man in so small a tomb, preferred to give him to the sea to keep.

592.—By THE SAME

The emperor himself was wrath with the roaring sea for covering the body of Hypatius; for now he was dead he wished the last honours to be paid to him, and the sea hid him from the favour of his magnanimity. Hence, a great proof of the mildness of his heart, he honoured the distinguished dead with this cenotaph.²

tinian had Hypatius strangled and thrown into the sea as an indignity; but perhaps the poems are sarcastic rather than courtly.

593.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Τὰν πάρος ἀνθήσασαν ἐν ἀγλαία καὶ ἀοιδᾶ, τὰν πολυκυδίστου μνάμονα θεσμοσύνας, Εὐγενίαν κρύπτει χθονία κόνις· αἱ δ' ἐπὶ τύμβω κείραντο πλοκάμους Μοῦσα, Θέμις, Παφίη.

594.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

Μυήμα σόν, ὧ Θεόδωρε, πανατρεκές, οὐκ ἐπὶ τύμβφ, ἀλλ' ἐνὶ βιβλιακῶν μυριάσιν σελίδων, αἴσιν ἀνεζώγρησας ἀπολλυμένων, ἀπὸ λήθης ἀρπάξας, νοερῶν μόχθον ἀοιδοπόλων.

595.—TOY AYTOY

Κάτθανε μὲν Θεόδωρος· ἀοιδοπόλων δὲ παλαιῶν πληθὺς οἰχομένη νῦν θάνεν ἀτρεκέως. πᾶσα γὰρ ἐμπνείοντι συνέπνεε, πᾶσα δ' ἀπέσβη σβεννυμένου· κρύφθη δ' εἰν ἐνὶ πάντα τάφω.

596.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Ναὶ μὰ τὸν ἐν γαίη πύματον δρόμον, οὕτε μ' ἄκοιτις ἔστυγεν, οὕτ' αὐτὸς Θεύδοτος Εὐγενίης ἐχθρὸς ἐκὼν γενόμην· ἀλλὰ φθόνος ἠέ τις ἄτη ἡμέας ἐς τόσσην ἤγαγεν ἀμπλακίην. νῦν δ' ἐπὶ Μινώην καθαρὴν κρηπῖδα μολόντες ἀμφότεροι λευκὴν ψῆφον ἐδεξάμεθα.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 593-596

593.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

On Eugenia his Sister

The earth covers Eugenia who once bloomed in beauty and poesy, who was learned in the revered science of the law. On her tomb the Muse, Themis, and Aphrodite all shore their hair.

594.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

The truest monument, Theodorus, is not on thy tomb, but in the many thousand pages of thy books, in which, snatching them from oblivion, thou didst recall to life the labours of thoughtful poets.

595.—By THE SAME

THEODORUS died, and now the crowd of ancient poets is really dead and gone; for all breathed as long as he breathed, and the light of all is quenched with his; all are hidden in one tomb.

596.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

On Theodotus his brother-in-law

Nav! by this our last journey in the earth, neither did my wife hate me nor did I, Theodotus, willingly become Eugenia's enemy; but some envy or fatality led us into that great error. Now, having come to the pure bench of Minos, we were both pronounced not guilty.

¹ Seemingly a grammarian.

597.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

'Η γλυκερον μέλψασα καὶ ἄλκιμον, ή θρόον αὐδῆς μούνη θηλυτέρης στήθεσι ἡηξαμένη, κεῖται σιγαλέη· τόσον ἔσθενε νήματα Μοίρης, ώς λιγυρὰ κλεῖσαι χείλεα Καλλιόπης.

598.—TOY AYTOY

Οὔτε φύσις θήλεια, καὶ οὐ πολιοῖο καρήνου ἀδρανίη φωνῆς σῆς κατέλυσε βίην· ἀλλὰ μόλις ξυνοῖσι νόμοις εἴξασα τελευτῆς, φεῦ, φεῦ, Καλλιόπη, σὴν κατέλυσας ὅπα.

599.—TOY AYTOY

Οὔνομα μὲν καλη, φρεσὶ δὲ πλέον ἠὲ προσώπφ, κάτθανε· φεῦ, Χαρίτων ἐξαπόλωλεν ἔαρ. καὶ γὰρ ἔην Παφίη πανομοίῖος, ἀλλὰ συνεύνω μούνω· τοῖς δ' ἐτέροις Παλλὰς ἐρυμνοτάτη. τίς λίθος οὐκ ἐγόησεν, ὅτ' ἐξήρπαξεν ἐκείνην εὐρυβίης 'Αΐδης ἀνδρὸς ἀπ' ἀγκαλίδων;

600. TOY AYTOY

"Ωριος είχε σε παστάς, ἀωριος είλε σε τύμβος, εὐθαλέων Χαρίτων ἄνθος, 'Αναστασίη. σοὶ γενέτης, σοὶ πικρὰ πόσις κατὰ δάκρυα λείβει, σοὶ τάχα καὶ πορθμεὺς δακρυχέει νεκύων οὐ γὰρ ὅλον λυκάβαντα διήνυσας ἄγχι συνεύνου, ἀλλ' ἐκκαιδεκέτιν, φεῦ, κατέχει σε τάφος.

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597.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

SILENT she lies, whose voice was sweet and brave, from whose bosom alone of women burst the fulness of song; so strong were the threads of Fate that they closed the tuneful lips of Calliope.

598.—By THE SAME

NEITHER the weakness of thy sex, Calliope, nor that of old age, relaxed the strength of thy voice, but yielding with a hard struggle to the common law of death thou didst relax it, alas, alas!

599.—BY THE SAME

SHE is dead, Kale (Beautiful) by name and more so in mind than in face. Alas! the spring of the Graces has perished utterly. For very like was she to Aphrodite, but only for her lord; for others she was an unassailable Pallas. What stone did not mourn when the strong hand of Hades tore her from her husband's arms.

600.—By THE SAME

Anastasia, flower of the blooming Graces, the marriage bed received thee in due season and the tomb before thy season. Both thy father and husband shed bitter tears for thee, and perchance even the ferry-man of the dead weeps for thee. For not even a whole year didst thou pass with thy husband, but the tomb holds thee aged alas! but sixteen.

601.-TOY AYTOY

Φεῦ, φεῦ, ἀμετρήτων χαρίτων ἔαρ ἡδὺ μαραίνει ἀμφὶ σοὶ ἀμοφάγων χεῖμα τὸ νερτερίων. καὶ σὲ μὲν ἥρπασε τύμβος ἀπ' ἠελιώτιδος αἴγλης, πέμπτον ἐφ' ἐνδεκάτφ πικρὸν ἄγουσαν ἔτος, σὸν δὲ πόσιν γενέτην τε κακαῖς ἀλάωσεν ἀνίαις, οἶς πλέον ἠελίου λάμπες, 'Αναστασίη.

602.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Εὐστάθιε, γλυκερὸν μὲν ἔχεις τύπον ἀλλά σε κηρὸν δέρκομαι, οὐδ' ἔτι σοι κείνο τὸ λαρὸν ἔπος ἔζεται ἐν στομάτεσσι τεὴ δ' εὐάνθεμος ἤβη, αἰαῖ, μαψιδίη νῦν χθονός ἐστι κόνις. πέμπτου καὶ δεκάτου γὰρ ἐπιψαύσας ἐνιαυτοῦ τετράκις ἐξ μούνους ἔδρακες ἠελίους οὐδὲ τεοῦ πάππου θρόνος ἤρκεσεν, οὐ γενετῆρος ὅλβος. πᾶς δὲ τεὴν εἰκόνα δερκόμενος τὴν ἄδικον Μοῖραν καταμέμφεται, οὕνεκα τοίην, ἄ μέγα νηλειής, ἔσβεσεν ἀγλαΐην.

603.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

α. "Αγριός έστι Χαρων. β. Πλέον ήπιος. α. "Ηρπασεν ήδη

τον νέον. β. 'Αλλά νόφ τοῖς πολιοῖσιν ἴσον. α. Τερπωλης δ' ἀπέπαυσεν. β. 'Απεστυφέλιξε δὲ μόχθων.

α. Οὐκ ἐνόησε γάμους. β. Οὐδὲ γάμων ὀδύνας.

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601.—BY THE SAME

ALAS! Alas! the winter of savage Hell nips the spring of thy countless charms; the tomb has torn thee from the light of the sun at the sad age of sixteen years, and has blinded with evil grief thy husband and thy father, for whom, Anastasia, thou didst shine brighter than the sun.

602.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

Eustathius, sweet is thy image, but I see thee in wax, and no longer doth that pleasant speech dwell in thy mouth. Alas, thy blooming youth is now futile dust of earth. For after reaching thy fifteenth year thou didst look only on twenty-four suns. Neither thy grandfather's high office helped thee, nor the riches of thy father. All who look on thy image blame unjust Fate, ah! so merciless, for quenching the light of such beauty.

603.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

A. "Charon is savage." B. "Kind rather." A. "He carried off the young man so soon." B. "But in mind he was the equal of greybeards." A. "He cut him off from pleasure." B. "But he thrust him out of the way of trouble." A. "He knew not wedlock." B. "Nor the pains of wedlock."

604.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Λέκτρα σοι ἀντὶ γάμων ἐπιτύμβια, παρθένε κούρη, ἐστόρεσαν παλάμαις πενθαλέαις γενέται. καὶ σὰ μὲν ἀμπλακίας βιότου καὶ μόχθον Ἐλευθοῦς ἔκφυγες· οἱ δὲ γόων πικρὸν ἔχουσι νέφος. δωδεκέτιν γὰρ μοῖρα, Μακηδονίη, σε καλύπτει, κάλλεσιν ὁπλοτέρην, ἤθεσι γηραλέην.

605.—ΙΟΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΥΠΑΡΧΩΝ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΟΥ

Σοὶ σορὸν εὐλάϊγγα, 'Ροδοῖ, καὶ τύμβον ἐγείρει, ρύσιά τε ψυχῆς δῶρα πένησι νέμει, ἀντ' εὐεργεσίης γλυκερὸς πόσις· ὅττι θανοῦσα ἀκύμορος κείνφ δῶκας ἐλευθερίην.

606.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

Πρηύς, έλευθερίην έπιειμένος, ήδὺς ἰδέσθαι, ἐν βιότω προλιπων υίξα γηροκόμον, τύμβον ἔχει Θεόδωρος ἐπ' ἐλπίδι κρέσσονι μοίρης, ὅλβιος ἐν καμάτοις, ὅλβιος ἐν θανάτω.

607.—ΠΑΛΛΆΔΑ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΣ

Ψυλλώ πρεσβυγενης τοις κληρονόμοις φθονέσασα, αὐτη κληρονόμος τῶν ιδίων γέγονεν άλλομένη δὲ τάχος κατέβη δόμον εἰς ᾿Αΐδαο, ταις δαπάναις τὸ ζῆν σύμμετρον εὐρομένη. πάντα φαγοῦσα βίον συναπώλετο ταις δαπάναισιν ηλατο δ΄ εἰς ἀίδην ὡς ἀπεκερμάτισεν.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 604-607

604.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

MAIDEN, thy parents with sorrowing hands made thy funeral, not thy wedding bed. The errors of life and the labour of childbed thou hast escaped, but a bitter cloud of mourning sits on them. For Fate hath hidden thee, Macedonia, aged but twelve, young in beauty, old in behaviour.

605.—JULIANUS, PREFECT OF EGYPT

Your sweet husband, Rhodo, builds a sarcophagus of fine marble and a tomb for you and gives alms to the poor to redeem your soul, in return for your kindness in dying early and giving him freedom.

606.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

Gentle, clothed in freedom, sweet of aspect, leaving alive a son who tended his old age, Theodorus rests here in hope of better things than death, happy in his labour and happy in his death.

607.—PALLADAS OF ALEXANDRIA

OLD Psyllo, grudging her heirs, made herself her own heir and with a quick leap went down to the house of Hades, contriving to end her life and her outlay at the same time. Having eaten up all her fortune, she perished together with her spending power, and jumped to Hades when her last penny was gone.

608.—ΕΥΤΟΛΜΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ ΙΛΛΟΥΣΤΡΙΟΥ

Γίέος ωκυμόρου θάνατον πενθοῦσα Μενίππη κωκυτῷ μεγάλῳ πνεῦμα συνεξέχεεν, οὐδ' ἔσχεν παλίι ορσον ἀναπνεύσασα γοῆσαι ἀλλ' ἄμα καὶ θρήνου παύσατο καὶ βιότου.

609.—ΠΑΥΛΟΥ ΣΙΛΕΝΤΙΑΡΙΟΥ

'Αττικός ες ξυνήν με παναγρέος ελπίδα μοίρης θυμφ θαρσαλέφ ζων ελάχηνε τάφον, παίζων εξ άρετης θανάτου φόβον. ἀλλ' επλ δηρον ἡέλιος σοφίης μιμνέτω ἡελίφ.

610.—ΠΑΛΛΑΔΑ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΙΟΥ

Ήρπασέ τις νύμφην, καὶ τὸν γάμον ήρπασε δαίμων, ψυχῶν συλήσας τερπομένην ἀγέλην.
εἰς γάμος εἰκοσιπέντε τάφους ἔπλησε θανόντων.
πάνδημος δὲ νεκρὼν εἰς γέγονεν θάλαμος.
νύμφη Πενθεσίλεια πολύστονε, νυμφίε Πενθεῦ,
ἀμφοτέρων ὁ γάμος πλούσιος ἐν θανάτοις.

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611.—ΕΥΤΟΛΜΊΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ ΙΛΛΟΥΣΤΡΙΟΥ

Παρθενικήν Έλένην μετ' άδελφεδν ἄρτι θανόντα δειλαίη μήτηρ κόψατο διπλασίως. μνηστήρες δ' έγόησαν ἴσον γόον ἢν γὰρ ἐκάστφ θρηνεῖν τὴν μήπω μηδενὸς ὡς ἰδίην.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 608-611

608.—EUTOLMIUS SCHOLASTICUS, ILLUSTRIS

MENIPPE, mourning the early death of her son, sent forth her spirit together with her loud dirge, nor could she recover it to utter another wail, but at the same moment ceased from lament and from life.

609.—PAULUS SILENTIARIUS

ATTICUS with a bold heart dug me this tomb in his life-time, in anticipation of the common fate that overtakes all men, mocking the fear of death owing to his virtue. But long may the sun of wisdom remain beneath the sun.

610.—PALLADAS OF ALEXANDRIA

ONE carried off a bride and Fate carried off the wedding party, despoiling of life the merry company. One wedding sent four and twenty corpses to their graves, and one chamber became their common mortuary. Penthesilea, unhappy bride, Pentheus bridegroom of sorrow, rich in deaths was your marriage!

611.—EUTOLMIUS SCHOLASTICUS, ILLUSTRIS

In double grief her wretched mother bewailed maiden Helen dead just after her brother. Her suitors too lamented her equally, for each could mourn for her as his own who was yet no one's.

1 Both names derived from penthos, "mourning," and of course fictitious.

612.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Φεῦ, φεῦ, τὴν δεκάτην Ἑλικωνίδα, τὴν λυραοιδὸν 'Ρώμης καὶ Φαρίης, ἥδε κέκευθε κόνις. ἄλετο φορμίγγων τερετίσματα, λῆξαν ἀοιδαί, ὅσπερ Ἰωάννη πάντα συνολλύμενα. καὶ τάχα θεσμὸν ἔθηκαν ἐπάξιον ἐννέα Μοῦσαι, τύμβον Ἰωάννης ἀνθ' 'Ελικῶνος ἔγειν.

613.—ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΑΜΙΣΟΥ

Έπὶ Διογένει άδελφόπαιδι

Σολ τόδε, Διόγενες, θαλερής μνημήϊον ήβης Πόντω εν Εὐξείνω θήκατο Φρὺξ γενέτης, φεῦ, πάτρης έκὰς ὅσσον. ἄγεν δέ σε νεῦμα θεοῖο, πατρὸς ἀδελφειῷ πένθος ὀφειλόμενον, ὅς σε περιστείλας ἱερῆ παλάμη τε καὶ εὐχῆ γείτονα τῆς μακάρων θῆκε χοροστασίης.

614.—ΑΓΑΘΙΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΟΥ

Έλλανὶς τριμάκαιρα καὶ ἀ χαρίεσσα Λάμαξις ἤστην μὲν πάτρας φέγγεα Λεσβιάδος ὅκκα δ΄ Αθηναίησι συν ὁλκάσιν ἐνθάδε κέλσας τὰν Μυτιληναίων γᾶν ἀλάπαξε Πάχης, τᾶν κουρᾶν ἀδίκως ἤράσσατο, τὼς δὲ συνεύνως 5 ἔκτανεύ, <ὡς> τήνας τῆδε βιησόμενος. ταὶ δὲ κατ' Αἰγαίοιο ῥόου πλατὺ λαῖτμα φερέσθην, καὶ ποτὶ τὰν κραναὰν Μοψοπίαν δραμέτην δάμω δ' ἀγγελέτην ἀλιτήμονος ἔργα Πάχητος, μέσφα μιν εἰς ὀλοὴν κῆρα συνηλασάτην. 10

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 612-614

612.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

ALAS! alas! this earth covers the tenth Muse, the lyric chanter of Rome and Alexandria. They have perished, the notes of the lyre; song hath perished as if dying together with Joanna. Perchance the nine Muses have imposed on themselves a law worthy of them—to dwell in Joanna's tomb instead of on Helicôn.

613.—DIOGENES, BISHOP OF AMISUS

On his nephew Diogenes

This monument of thy radiant youth, Diogenes, did thy Phrygian father erect to thee on the Euxine Sea—alas! how far from thy home. The decree of God brought thee here to die, a sorrow fore-doomed for me, thy father's brother, who having laid thee out with my consecrated hand and with prayer, put thee to rest here beside the dancing-place of the blest.¹

614.—AGATHIAS SCHOLASTICUS

Thrice blessed Hellanis and lovely Lamaxis were the stars of their Lesbian home; and when Paches, sailing here with the Athenian ships, ravaged the territory of Mytilene, he conceived a guilty passion for the young matrons and killed their husbands, thinking thus to force them. They, taking ship across the wide Aegean main, hurried to steep Mopsopia² and complained to the people of the actions of wicked Paches, until they drove him to an evil

¹ i.e. the church.

² Athens.

τοῖα μέν, ὧ κούρα, πεπονήκατον ᾶψ δ' ἐπὶ πάτραν ήκετον, ἐν δ' αὐτᾳ κεῖσθον ἀποφθιμένα·
εὖ δὲ πόνων ἀπόνασθον, ἐπεὶ ποτὶ σᾶμα συνεύνων εὕδετον, ἐς κλεινᾶς μνᾶμα σαοφροσύνας·
ὑμνεῦσιν δ' ἔτι πάντες ὁμόφρονας ἡρωΐνας,
πάτρας καὶ ποσίων πήματα τισαμένας.

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615.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Εὐμόλπου φίλον υίὸν ἔχει τὸ Φαληρικὸν οὖδας Μουσαῖον, φθίμενον σῶμ' ὑπὸ τῷδε τάφφ.

616.—AAAO

* Ωδε Λίνου Θηβαΐου εδέξατο γαΐα θανόντα, Μούσης Οὐρανίης υίου ευστεφάνου.

617.—AAAO

Θρήϊκα χρυσολύρην τῆδ' 'Ορφέα Μοῦσαι ἔθαψαν, δν κτάνεν ὑψιμέδων Ζεὺς ψολόεντι βέλει.

618.—AAAO

Ανδρα σοφον Κλεόβουλον ἀποφθίμενον καταπενθεῖ ἥδε πάτρα Λίνδος πόντφ ἀγαλλομένη.

619.- AAAO

Πλούτου καὶ σοφίης πρύτανιν πατρὶς ήδε Κόρινθος κόλποις ἀγχίαλος γη Περίανδρον ἔχει.

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doom. This, ladies, ye accomplished, and returning to your country lie in it dead. And a good guerdon ye have for your pains, since ye sleep hard by your husbands, a monument of glorious virtue, and all still sing the praises of the heroines, one in heart, who avenged the sufferings of their country and of their lords.¹

615.—Anonymous

THE earth of Phaleron holds Musaeus, Eumolpus' dear son, dead under this tomb.

616.—Anonymous

HERE the earth received at his death Linus of Thebes, son of the fair-wreathed Muse Urania.

617.—Anonymous

HERE the Muses buried Thracian Orpheus of the golden lyre, whom Zeus, who reigneth on high, slew with his smoking bolt.

618.—Anonymous

This, his country Lindos, that glories in the sea, mourns wise Cleobulus dead.

619.—Anonymous

This, his country Corinth. that lies near the sea, holds in her bosom Periander, supreme in wealth and wisdom.

¹ This incident, like that in No. 492, is probably derived from a romance.

620.-ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΛΑΕΡΤΙΟΥ

Μήποτε λυπήση σε τὸ μή σε τυχεῖν τινος, ἀλλα τέρπεο πᾶσιν ὁμῶς οἶσι δίδωσι θεός καὶ γὰρ ἀθυμήσας ὁ σοφὸς Περίανδρος ἀπέσβη, οὕνεκεν οὐκ ἔτυχεν πρήξιος ἡς ἔθελεν.

621.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

'Ενθάδ' έγὼ Σοφοκλῆς στυγερὸν δόμον ''Αϊδος ἔσβην κάμμορος, εἴδατι Σαρδώω σελίνοιο γελάσκων. ὣς μὲν ἐγών, ἕτεροι δ' ἄλλως· πάντες δέ τε πάντως.

622.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΟΥ

Βόρχος ὁ βουποίμην ὅτ' ἐπὶ γλυκὺ κηρίον εἶρπεν, αἰγίλιπα σχοίνω πέτρον ἐπερχόμενος, εἴπετό οἱ σκυλάκων τις ὁ καὶ βοσίν, ὃς φάγε λεπτὴν σχοῖνον ἀνελκομένω χραινομένην μέλιτι· κάππεσε δ' εἰς ᾿Αιδαο· τὸ δ' ἀτρυγὲς ἀνδράσιν ἄλλοις 5 κεῖνο μέλι ψυχῆς ἄνιον εἰρύσατο.

623.—ΑΙΜΙΛΙΑΝΟΥ

Έλκε, τάλαν, παρὰ μητρὸς δυ οὐκέτι μαστὸν ἀμέλξεις, ἔλκυσον ὑστάτιον νᾶμα καταφθιμένης· ἤδη γὰρ ξιφέεσσι λιπόπνυος· ἀλλὰ τὰ μητρὸς φίλτρα καὶ εἰν ἀΐδη παιδοκομεῖν ἔμαθεν.

¹ This poisonous herb contracted the muscles, so as to give the appearance of grinning. We do not know who this Sophocles was.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 620-623

620.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

NEVER be vexed at not getting anything, but rejoice in all the gifts of God. For wise Periander died of disappointment at not attaining the thing he wished.

621.—Anonymous

HERE I, unhappy Sophocles, entered the house of Hades, laughing, because I ate Sardinian celery. So perished I, and others otherwise, but all in some way or other.

622.—ANTIPHILUS OF BYZANTIUM

WHEN Borchus the neat-herd went to get the sweet honey-comb, climbing the steep rock by a rope, one of his dogs who used to follow the herd followed him, and, as he was pulling himself up, bit through the thin rope which was trickling with honey. He fell into Hades, grasping, at the cost of his life, that honey which no other man could harvest.

623.—AEMILIANUS

Suck, poor child, at the breast whereat thy mother will never more suckle thee; drain the last drops from the dead. She hath already rendered up her spirit, pierced by the sword, but a mother's love can cherish her child even in death.²

This probably refers to a picture by Aristides of Thebes.

624.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

"Ερροις, 'Ιονίοιο πολυπτοίητε θάλασσα,
 νηλής, 'Αΐδεω πορθμὲ κελαινοτάτου,

ἡ τόσσους κατέδεξο. τίς ἃν τεά, κάμμορε, λέξαι
 αἴσυλα, δυστήνων αἶσαν ὀπιζόμενος;

Αἰγέα καὶ Λαβέωνα σὺν ὡκυμόροισιν ἐταίροις
 νηΐ τε σὺν πάση βρύξας άλιρροθίη.

625.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Είδότα κηπ' Ατλαντα τεμείν πόρον, είδότα Κρήτης κύματα καὶ πόντου ναυτιλίην μέλανος, Καλλιγένευς Διόδωρον 'Ολύνθιον ἴσθι θανόντα έν λιμένι, πρώρης νύκτερον ἐκχύμενον, δαιτὸς ἐκεῖ τὸ πέρισσὸν ὅτ' ἤμεεν. ἀ πόσον ὕδωρ ὥλεσε τὸν τόσσφ κεκριμένον πελάγει.

626.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έσχατιαλ Λιβύων Νασαμωνίδες, οὐκέτι θηρῶν ἔθνεσιν ἠπείρου νῶτα βαρυνόμεναι, ἡχοῖ ἐρημαίαισιν ἐπηπύσεσθε λεόντων ἀρυγαῖς ψαμάθους ἄχρις ὑπὲρ Νομάδων, φῦλον ἐπεὶ νήριθμον ἐν ἰχνοπέδαισιν ἀγρευθὲν ἐς μίαν αἰχμηταῖς Καῖσαρ ἔθηκεν ὁ παῖς αἱ δὲ πρὶν ἀγραύλων ἐγκοιτάδες ἀκρώρειαι θηρῶν, νῦν ἀνδρῶν εἰσὶ βοηλασίαι.

Not the Euxine, but a part of the Thracian Sea.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 624-626

624.—DIODORUS

Our on thee, dreaded Ionian Sea, pitiless water, ferrier of men to blackest Hades, thou who hast engulfed so many. Who, with the fate of the unfortunates before his eyes, shall tell all thy crimes, ill-starred sea? Thou hast swallowed in thy surges Aegeus and Labeo, with their short-lived companions and their whole ship.

625.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Know that Diodorus, the son of Calligenes of Olynthus, who could make his way even as far as Atlas, and knew the Cretan waters and the navigation of the Black Sea, died in port, falling off the prow at night, while he was spewing out the excess of the feast. Ah, how small a bit of water was fatal to him who had been proved in so vast an expanse of ocean!

626.—Anonymous

(Not Sepulchral)

YE furthest Nasamonian wilds of Libya, no longer, your expanse vexed by the flordes of wild beasts of the continent, shall ye ring in echo, even beyond the sands of the Nomads, to the voice of lions roaring in the desert, since Caesar the son has trapped the countless tribe and brought it face to face with his fighters. Now the heights once full of the lairs of prowling beasts are pasturage for the cattle of men.

i.e. the bestiarii in the circus.

627.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

'Ημιτελή θάλαμόν τε καὶ ἐγγύθι νυμφικὰ λέκτρα, κοῦρε, λιπων ὀλοὴν οἰμον ἔβης 'Αίδου' Θύνιον 'Αστακίην δὲ μάλ' ἤκαχες, ἤ σε μάλιστα οἰκτρὰ τὸν ἡβητὴν κώκυεν ἡίθεον, 'Ιππάρχου κλαίουσα κακὸν μόρον, εἴκοσι ποίας μοῦνον ἐπεὶ βιότου πλήσαο καὶ πίσυρας.

628.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

'Ηρνήσαντο καὶ ἄλλαι έὸν πάρος οὔνομα νῆσοι ἀκλεές, ἐς δ' ἀνδρῶν ἡλθον ὁμωνυμίην κληθείητε καὶ ὔμμες 'Ερωτίδες οὐ νέμεσίς τοι, 'Οξεῖαι, ταύτην κλῆσιν ἀμειψαμέναις. παιδὶ γάρ, δυ τύμβω Δίης ὑπεθήκατο βώλου, οὔνομα καὶ μορφὴν αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν Έρως. ὡ χθὼν σηματόεσσα, καὶ ἡ παρὰ θινὶ θάλασσα, παιδὶ σὺ μὲν κούφη κεῖσο, σὺ δ' ἡσυχίη.

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629.—ANTIIIATPO↑

'Η χθαμαλὴν ὑπέδυς ὁ τόσος κόνιν; εἰς σέ τις ἀθρῶν, Σώκρατες, Ἑλλήνων μέμψεται ἀκρισίην· νηλέες, οῖ τὸν ἄριστον ἀπώλεσαν, οὐδὲ εν αἰδοῖ δόντες.· τοιοῦτοι πολλάκι Κεκροπίδαι.

630.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΟΥ

"Ηδη που πάτρης πελάσας σχεδόν, " Αὔριον," εἶπον, "ή μακρὴ κατ' ἐμοῦ δυσπλοίη κοπάσει." οὔπω χεῖλος ἔμυσε, καὶ ἢν ἴσος "Αιδι πόντος, καί με κατέτρυχεν κεῖνο τὸ κοῦφον ἔπος. πάντα λόγον πεφύλαξο τὸν αὔριον· οὐδὲ τὰ μικρὰ λήθει τὴν γλώσσης ἀντίπαλον Νέμεσιν.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 627-630

627.—DIODORUS

Leaving thy bridal-chamber half prepared, thy wedding close at hand, thou hast gone, young man, down the baneful road of Hades; and sorely hast thou afflicted Thynion of Astacus, who most piteously of all lamented for thee, dead in thy prime, weeping for the evil fate of her Hipparchus, seeing thou didst complete but twenty-four years.

628.—CRINAGORAS

OTHER islands ere this have rejected their inglorious names and named themselves after men. Be called Erotides (Love islands), ye Oxeiai (Sharp islands); it is no shame for you to change; for Eros himself gave both his name and his beauty to the boy whom Dies laid here beneath a heap of clods. O earth, crowded with tombs, and sea that washest on the shore, do thou lie light on the boy, and thou lie hushed for his sake.

629.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

Dost thou who art so great rest in so shallow a soil? He who looks at thee, Socrates, must blame the unwisdom of the Grecks. Merciless judges! who slew the best of men, nor shamed them one jot. Such often are the Athenians.

630.—ANTIPHILUS OF BYZANTIUM

Now nearing my country I said, "To-morrow shall this wind that blew so long against me abate." Scarce had I closed my lips when the sea became like hell, and that light word I spoke was my destruction. Beware ever of that word "to-morrow"; not even little things are unnoticed by the Nemesis that is the foe of our tongues.

631.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

"Ην ἄρα Μιλήτου Φοιβήῖον <δρμον> ἴκησθε, λέξατε Διογένει πένθιμον ἀγγελίην, παῖς ὅτι οἱ ναυηγὸς ὑπὸ χθονὶ κεύθεται "Ανδρου Δίφιλος, Αἰγαίου κῦμα πιὼν πελάγευς.

632.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Κλίμακος ἐξ ὀλίγης ὀλίγον βρέφος ἐν Διοδώρου κάππεσεν, ἐκ δ' ἐάγη καίριον ἀστράγαλον, δινηθεὶς προκάρηνος. ἐπεὶ δ' ἴδε θεῖον ἄνακτα ἀντόμενον, παιδνὰς αὐτίκ' ἔτεινε χέρας. ἀλλὰ σὺ νηπιάχου δμωός, κόνι, μήποτε βρίθειν ὀστέα, τοῦ διετοῦς φειδομένη Κόρακος.

633.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Καὶ αὐτὴ ἤχλυσεν ἀκρέσπερος ἀντέλλουσα μήνη, πένθος έὸν νυκτὶ καλυψαμένη, οὕνεκα τὴν χαρίεσσαν ὁμώνυμον είδε Σελήνην ἄπνουν εἰς ζοφερὸν δυομένην ἀίδην. κείνη γὰρ καὶ κάλλος έοῦ κοινώσατο φωτός, καὶ θάνατον κείνης μίζεν έῷ κνέφεϊ.

634.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΌΥ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΟΥ

Νεκροδόκον κλιντήρα Φίλων ὁ πρέσβυς ἀείρων
ἐγκλιδόν, ὄφρα λάβοι μισθὸν ἐφημέριον,
σφάλματος ἐξ ὀλίγοιο πεσὼν θάνεν· ἢν γὰρ ἔτοιμος
εἰς ἀἴδην, ἐκάλει δ' ἡ πολιὴ πρόφασιν·
δν δ' ἄλλοις ἐφόρει νεκυοστόλον, αὐτὸς ἐφ' αὐτῷ
ἀσκάντην ὁ γέρων ἀχθοφορῶν ἔλαθεν.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 631-634

631.—APOLLONIDES

IF thou comest to Apollo's harbour at Miletus, give to Diogenes the mournful message that his shipwrecked son Diphilus lies in Andrian earth, having drunk the water of the Aegean Sea.

632.--DIODORUS

A LITTLE child in Diodorus' house fell from a little ladder, but falling head first broke the vertebra of its neck, to break which is fatal. But when it saw its revered master running up, it at once stretched out its baby arms to him. Earth, never lie heavy on the bones of the little slave child, but be kind to two-year-old Corax.

633.—CRINAGORAS

The moon herself, rising at early eve, dimmed her light, veiling her mourning in night, because she saw her namesake, pretty Selene, going down dead to murky Hades. On her she had bestowed the beauty of her light, and with her death she mingled her own darkness.

634.—ANTIPHILUS

OLD Philo, stooping to lift the bier to gain his daily wage, stumbled slightly, but fell and was killed; for he was ripe for Hades, and old age was on the look out for an opportunity; and so all unawares he lifted for himself that bier on which he used to carry the corpses of others.

635.—TOY AYTOY

Ναῦν Ἱεροκλείδης ἔσχεν σύγγηρον, ὁμόπλουν, τὴν αὐτὴν ζωῆς καὶ θανάτου σύνοδον, πιστὴν ἰχθυβολεῦντι συνέμπορον. οὔτις ἐκείνης πώποτ ἐπέπλωσεν κῦμα δικαιοτέρη· γήραος ἄχρις ἔβοσκε πονευμένη· εἶτα θανόντα ἐκτέρισεν· συνέπλω δ' ἄχρι καὶ ᾿Αίδεω.

636.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

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Ποιμὴν ὧ μάκαρ, εἴθε κατ' οὕρεος ἐπροβάτευον κὴγώ, ποιηρὸν τοῦτ' ἀνὰ λευκόλοφον, κριοῖς ἀγητῆρσι ποτ' ἐβληχημένα βάζων, ἡ πικρῆ βάψαι νήοχα πηδάλια ἄλμη. τοιγὰρ ἔδυν ὑποβένθιος· ἀμφὶ δὲ ταύτην θἶνά με ῥοιβδήσας Εὖρος ἐφωρμίσατο.

637.—ANTIMATPOY

Πύρρος ὁ μουνερέτης ὀλίγη νηὶ λεπτὰ ματεύων φυκία και τριχίνης μαινίδας ἐκ καθέτης, ηϊόνων ἀποτῆλε τυπεὶς κατέδουπε κεραυνῷ· νηῦς δὲ πρὸς αἰγιαλοὺς ἔδραμεν αὐτομάτη ἀγγελίην θείω και λιγνύϊ μηνύουσα, και φράσαι ᾿Αργώην οὐκ ἐπόθησε τρόπιν.

638.--ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Παίδων ἀλλαχθέντι μόρφ ἔπι τοῦτ' ἐλεεινὴ μήτηρ ἀμφοτέρους εἶπε περισχομένη:
"Καὶ νέκυν οὐ σέο, τέκνον, ἐπ' ἤματι τῷδε γοήσειν ἤλπισα, καὶ ζωοῖς οὐ σὲ μετεσσόμενον ὅψεσθαι· νῦν δ' οἱ μὲν ἐς ὑμέας ἠμείφθησαν δαίμονες, ἄψευστον δ΄ ἵκετο πένθος ἐμοί."

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 635-638

635.—By THE SAME

HIEROCLES' boat grew old with him, always travelled with him, and accompanied him in life and in death. It was his faithful fishing partner, and no juster boat ever sailed the waves. It laboured to keep him until his old age, and then it buried him when he was dead, and travelled with him to Hades.¹

636.—CRINAGORAS

O happy shepherd, would that I, too, had led my sheep down this grassy white knoll, answering the bleatings of the rams that lead the flock, rather than dipped in the bitter brine the rudder to guide my ship Therefore I sunk to the depths, and the whistling east wind brought me to rest on this beach.

637.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

Pyrrhus the solitary oarsman, fishing with his hair-line for small hakes and sprats from his little boat, fell, struck by a thunderbolt, far away from the shore. The boat came ashore of itself, bearing the message by sulphur and smoke, and had no need of a speaking keel like that of Argo.

638.—CRINAGORAS

The poor mother, when the expected fate of her two sons was reversed, spoke thus, clasping both of them: "Neither did I hope, my child, to weep for thee to-day, nor, my child, to see thee yet among the living. Now your fates have been interchanged, but sorrow undeniable has come to me."

¹ cp. Nos. 305, 381, 585, above.

639.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Πᾶσα θάλασσα θάλασσα· τί Κυκλάδας ἡ στενὸν Ελλης

κῦμα καὶ 'Οξείας ήλεὰ μεμφόμεθα; ἄλλως τοὔνομ' ἔχουσιν· ἐπεὶ τί με, τὸν προφυγόντα κεῖνα, Σκαρφαιεὺς ἀμφεκάλυψε λιμήν; νόστιμον εὖπλοΐην ἀρῶτό τις· ὡς τά γε πόντου πόντος, ὁ τυμβευθεὶς οἶδεν 'Αρισταγόρης.

640.—TOY AYTOY

Ριγηλη ναύταις ἐρίφων δύσις, ἀλλὰ Πύρωνι πουλὺ γαληναίη χείματος ἐχθροτέρη· νῆα γὰρ ἀπνοίη πεπεδημένου ἔφθασε ναύταις ληϊστέων ταχινη δίκροτος ἐσσυμένη· χεῖμα δέ μιν προφυγόντα γαληναίφ ἐπ' ὀλέθρφ ἔκτανον· ἄ λυγρῆς δειλὲ καχορμισίης.

641.—ΑΝΤΙΦΙΛΟΥ

Σήμα δυωδεκάμοιρον ἀφεγγέος ἠελίοιο, τοσσάκις ἀγλώσσφ φθεγγόμενον στόματι, εὖτ' ἀν θλιβομένοιο ποτὶ στενὸν ὕδατος ἀὴρ αὐλὸν ἀποστείλη πνεῦμα διωλύγιον, θῆκεν ᾿Αθήναιος δήμφ χάριν, ὡς ἀν ἐναργὴς εἴη κὴν φθονεραῖς ἠέλιος νεφέλαις.

642.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Σύρου καὶ Δήλοιο κλύδων μέσος υἶα Μενοίτην σὺν φόρτω Σαμίου κρύψε Διαφανέος, εἰς ὅσιον σπεύδοντα πλόου τάχος· ἀλλὰ θάλασσα έχθρη καὶ νούσω πατρὸς ἐπειγομένοις.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 639-642

639.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

Every sea is sea. Why do we foolishly blame the Cyclades, or the Hellespont, and the Sharp Isles?1 They merit not their evil fame; for why, when I had escaped them, did the harbour of Scarphaea 2 drown me? Let who will pray for fair weather to bring him home; Aristagoras, who is buried here, knows that the sea is the sea.

640 -BY THE SAME

FEARSOME for sailors is the setting of the Kids, but for Pyro calm was far more adverse than storm. For his ship, stayed by calm, was overtaken by a swift double-oared pirate galley. He was slain by them. having escaped the storm but to perish in the calm. Alas, in what an evil harbour ended his voyage!

641.—ANTIPHILUS

(Not Sepulchral, but on a Water-clock)

This recorder of the invisible sun, divided into twelve parts, and as often speaking with tongueless mouth, each time that, the water being compressed in the narrow pipe, the air sends forth a sonorous blast, was erected by Athenaeus for the public, so that the sun might be visible even when covered by envious clouds.

642.—APOLLONIDES

Between Syrus and Delos the waves engulfed Menoetes of Samos, son of Diaphanes, together with his cargo. For a pious purpose was he hurrying home, but the sea is the enemy even of those who are hastening to be with their fathers in sickness.

¹ See No. 628. ² A harbour of Locris.

643.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Τμνίδα την Εὐάνδρου, εράσμιον αιεν ἄθυρμα οικογενές, κούρην αιμύλον είναέτιν, ηρπασας, ὧ ἄλλιστ' 'Αίδη, τί πρόωρον εφίεις μοιραν τῆ πάντως σειό ποτ' εσσομένη;

644.—ΒΙΑΝΟΡΟΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ

"Υστατον έθρήνησε τον ωκύμορον Κλεαρίστη παίδα, και άμφι τάφω πικρον έπαυσε βίον κωκύσασα γαρ όσσον έχάνδανε μητρος άνίη, οὐκέτ' ἐπιστρέψαι πνεύματος ἔσχε τόνους. θηλύτεραι, τί τοσοῦτον ἐμετρήσασθε τάλαιναι θρῆνον, ἵνα κλαύσητ' ἄχρι και 'Αίδεω;

645.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

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[°]Ω δύστην' ὅλβοιο Φιλόστρατε, ποῦ σοι ἐκεῖνα σκῆπτρα καὶ αἱ βασιλέων ἄφθονοι ἐντυχίαι,¹ αἶσιν ἐπηώρησας ἀεὶ βίον; ἢ ἐπὶ Νείλω... δαίοις ὢν περίοπτος ὅροις; ὀθνεῖοι καμάτους τοὺς σοὺς διεμοιρήσαντο, σὸς δὲ νέκυς ψαφαρῆ κείσετ' ἐν 'Οστρακίνη.

646.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

Λοίσθια δὴ τάδε πατρὶ φίλφ περὶ χεῖρε βαλοῦσα εἶπ' Ἐρατώ, χλωροῖς δύκρυσι λειβομένα·
"*Ω πάτερ, οὔ τοι ἔτ' εἰμί, μέλας δ' ἐμὸν ὅμμα καλύπτει

ήδη ἀποφθιμένης κυάνεος θάνατος."

1 εὐτυχίαι MS. : I correct.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 643-646

643.—CRINAGORAS

O Hades the inexorable, thou hast carried off Hymnis, Evander's daughter, ever the loveable pet of his house, the coaxing nine-year-old girl. Why didst thou send such early death to her who must one day in any case be thine?

644.—BIANOR THE GRAMMARIAN

CLEARISTE mourned her last for the early death of her son, and on the tomb ended her embittered life. For, wailing with all the force a mother's sorrow could give her, she could not recover force to draw her breath. Women, why give ye such ample measure to your grief as to wail even till it brings you to Hades?

645.—CRINAGORAS

O Philostratus, unhappy for all thy wealth, where are those sceptres and constant intercourse with princes on which thy fortune ever depended? Shall thy tomb be (?) by the Nile conspicuous in the region of? Foreigners have shared among them the fruit of thy toil, and thy corpse shall lie in sandy Ostracine.

646.—ANYTE

THESE were the last words that Erato spoke, throwing her arms round her dear father's neck, her cheeks wet with fresh tears: "Father, I am thine no longer; I am gone, and sombre death casts already his black veil over my eyes."

¹ An Academic philosopher, a favourite of Anthony and Cleopatra.

² Between Egypt and Palestine. By "foreigners" he means probably Roman soldiers.

647.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ, οί δὲ ΣΙΜΙΟΥ

"Τστατα δη τάδ' ἔειπε φίλην ποτὶ μητέρα Γοργώ δακρυόεσσα, δέρης χερσὶν ἐφαπτομένη·
' Αὖθι μένοις παρὰ πατρί, τέκοις δ' ἐπὶ λώονι μοίρα ἄλλαν, σῷ πολιῷ γήραϊ καδεμόνα."

648.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

'Εσθλὸς 'Αριστοκράτης ὅτ' ἀπέπλεεν εἰς 'Αχέροντα, εἰπ' ὀλιγοχρονίης ἀψάμενος κεφαλῆς. "Παίδων τις μνήσαιτο, καὶ έξνώσαιτο γυναῖκα, εἰ καί μιν δάκνοι δυσβίστος πενίη. ζωὴν στυλώσαιτο· κακὸς δ' ἄστυλος ἰδέσθαι οἶκος· δ δ' αὖ λῷστον,¹ τἀνέρος ἐσχαρεὼν εὐκίων φαίνοιτο, καὶ ἐν πολυκαέϊ ὄγκω ἐμπρέποι,² αὐγάζων δαλὸν ἐπεσχάριον." ἤδει 'Αριστοκράτης τὸ κρήγυον· ἀλλὰ γυναικῶν, ἄνθρωπ', ἤχθαιρεν τὴν ἀλιτοφροσύνην.

649.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

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'Αντί τοι εὐλεχέος θαλάμου σεμνῶν θ' ὑμεναίων μάτηρ στήσε τάφφ τῷδ' ἐπὶ μαρμαρίνφ παρθενικάν, μέτρον τε τεὸν καὶ κάλλος ἔχοισαν, Θερσί· ποτιφθεγκτὰ δ' ἔπλεο καὶ φθιμένα.

650.—[ΦΛΑΚΚΟΥ ή] ΦΑΛΑΙΚΟΥ

Φεῦγε θαλάσσια ἔργα, βοῶν δ' ἐπιβάλλευ ἐχέτλῃ, εἴ τί τοι ἡδὺ μακρῆς πείρατ' ἰδεῖν βιοτῆς· ἡπείρφ γὰρ ἔνεστι μακρὸς βίος· εἰν ἀλὶ δ' οἴ πως εὐμαρὲς εἰς πολιὴν ἀνδρὸς ἰδεῖν κεφαλήν.

¹ λφστος MS. : I correct.
² I write so : ἐνστη MS.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 647-650

647.—SIMONIDES OR SIMIAS

THESE were the very last words that Gorgo spoke to her dear mother, in tears throwing her hands round her neck: "Stay here with father and mayest thou bear another daughter, more fortunate than I was, to tend thy grey old age."

648.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

Good Aristocrates, as he was taking ship for Acheron, resting his doomed head on his hand, said: "Let every man seek to have children and get him a wife, even if miserable poverty pinch him. Let him support his life with pillars; a house without pillars is ill to look on. Nay! what is best, may the room where his hearth is have many fair columns, and shining with the luxury of many lights, illumine the log that burns on the hearth." Aristocrates knew what was best, but, O man, he hated the evilmindedness of women.

649.—ANYTE

Thy mother, Thersis, instead of a bridal chamber and solemn wedding rites, gave thee to stand on this thy marble tomb a maiden like to thee in stature and beauty, and even now thou art dead we may speak to thee.

650.—PHALAECUS

Avoid busying thee with the sea, and put thy mind to the plough that the oxen draw, if it is any joy for thee to see the end of a long life. For on land there is length of days, but on the sea it is not easy to find a man with grey hair.

¹ Lines 6-8 are somewhat obscure. Children seem to be meant by the lights as well as by the pillars or columns.

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651.—ΕΥΦΟΡΙΩΝΟΣ

Ούχ ὁ τρηχὺς Ἐλαιὸς ἐπ' ὀστέα κεῖνα καλύπτει, οὐδ' ἡ κυάνεον γράμμα λαλοῦσα πέτρη: ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν Δολίχης τε καὶ αἰπεινῆς Δρακάνοιο Ἰκάριον ῥήσσει κῦμα περὶ κροκάλαις: ἀντὶ δ' ἐγὼ ξενίης Πολυμήδεος ἡ κενεἡ χθὼν ὡγκώθην Δρυόπων διψάσιν ἐν βοτάναις.

652.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

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'Ηχήεσσα θάλασσα, τί τὸν Τιμάρεος οὕτως πλώοντ' οὐ πολλῆ νηὶ Τελευταγόρην, ἄγρια χειμήνασα, κατεπρηνώσαο πόντω σὰν φόρτω, λάβρον κῦμ' ἐπιχευαμένη; χὼ μέν που καύηξιν ἢ ἰχθυβόροις λαρίδεσσιν τεθρήνητ' ἄπνους εὐρεῖ ἐπ' αἰγιαλῷ. Τιμάρης δὲ κενὸν τέκνου κεκλαυμένον ἀθρῶν τύμβον, δακρύει παῖδα Τελευταγόρην.

653.—ΠΑΓΚΡΑΤΟΥΣ

"Ωλεσεν Αίγαίου διὰ κύματος ἄγριος ἀρθεὶς Λὶψ Ἐπιηρείδην Ὑάσι δυομέναις, αὐτὸν ἐῆ σὺν νηὶ καὶ ἀνδράσιν· ῷ τόδε σῆμα δακρύσας κενεὸν παιδὶ πατὴρ ἔκαμεν.

654.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Αιεὶ ληϊσταὶ καὶ άλιφθόροι, οὐδε δίκαιοι Κριζτες· τίς Κρητῶν οἶδε δικαιοσύνην; ώς καὶ ἐμὲ πλώοντα σὺν οὐκ εὐπίονι φόρτω Κρηταιεῖς ὧσαν Τιμόλυτον καθ' άλός, δείλαιον. κἠγὼ μὲν άλιζώοις λαρίδεσσι κέκλαυμαι, τύμβῳ δ' οὐχ ὕπο Τιμόλυτος.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 651-654

651.—EUPHORION

CRAGGY Elaeus doth not cover those thy bones, nor this stone that speaks in blue letters. They are broken by the Icarian sea on the shingly beach of Doliche¹ and lofty Dracanon,² and I, this empty mound of earth, am heaped up here in the thirsty herbage of the Dryopes³ for the sake of old friendship with Polymedes.

652.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

Thou booming sea, why didst thou rise in angry storm, and striking with a huge wave send headlong to the deep, cargo and all, Teleutagoras, son of Timares, as he sailed in his little ship? He, lying somewhere dead on the broad beach, is bewailed over by terns and fish-eating gulls, and Timares, looking on his son's empty tear-bedewed tomb, weeps for his child Teleutagoras.

653.—PANCRATES

At the setting of the Hyades the fierce Sirocco rose and destroyed Epierides in the Aegean Sea, himself, his ship and crew; and for him his father in tears made this empty tomb.

654.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

The Cretans are ever brigands and pirates, and never just; who ever heard of the justice of a Cretan? So they were Cretans who threw me unhappy Timolytus into the sea, when I was travelling with no very rich cargo. I am bewailed by the seagulls, and there is no Timolytus in this tomb.

1 Another name of the island Icaria.

² A cape on this island. ³ The inhabitants of Doris.

655.—TOY AYTOY

'Αρκεῖ μοι γαίης μικρὴ κόνις· ἡ δὲ περισσὴ ἄλλον ἐπιθλίβοι πλούσια κεκλιμένον στήλη, τὸ σκληρὸν νεκρῶν βάρος· εἴ με θανόντα γνώσοντ', 'Αλκάνδρφ τοῦτο τί Καλλιτέλευς;

656.—TOY AYTOY

Τὴν ὀλίγην βῶλον καὶ τοῦτ' ὀλιγήριον, ὧνερ, σῆμα ποτίφθεγξαι τλάμονος 'Αλκιμένευς, εἰ καὶ πᾶν κέκρυπται ὑπ' ὀξείης παλιούρου καὶ βάτου, ἤν ποτ' ἐγὼ δήϊον 'Αλκιμένης.

657.—TOY AYTOY

Ποιμένες οὶ ταύτην ὅρεος ράχιν οἰοπολεῖτε αἰγας κεὐείρους ἐμβοτέοντες ὅῖς, Κλειταγόρη, πρὸς Γῆς, ὀλίγην χάριν, ἀλλὰ προσηνη τίνοιτε, χθονίης εἴνεκα Φερσεφόνης. βληχήσαιντ' ὅιές μοι, ἐπ' ἀξέστοιο δὲ ποιμὴν πέτρης συρίζοι πρηέα βοσκομέναις εἴαρι δὲ πρώτφ λειμώνιον ἄνθος ἀμέρσας χωρίτης στεφέτω τύμβον ἐμὸν στεφάνφ, καί τις ἀπ' εὐάρνοιο καταχραίνοιτο γάλακτι οἰός, ἀμολγαῖον μαστὸν ἀνασχόμενος, κρηπῖδ' ὑγραίνων ἐπιτύμβιον· εἰσὶ θανόντων εἰσὶν ἀμοιβαῖαι κάν φθιμένοις χάριτες.

658.—ΘΕΟΚΡΙΤΟΥ, οί δὲ ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Γνώσομαι εἴ τι νέμεις ἀγαθοῖς πλέον, ἢ καὶ ὁ δειλὸς ἐκ σέθεν ὡσαύτως ἰσον, ὁδοιπόρ', ἔχει.
"Χαιρέτω οὖτος ὁ τύμβος," ἐρεῖς, "ἐπεὶ Εὐρυμέδοντος κεῖται τῆς ἰερῆς κοῦφος ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς."

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 655-658

655.—By THE SAME

A LITTLE dust of the earth is enough for me, and may a rich and useless monument, a weight ill for the dead to bear, crush some other man in his rest. What is that to Alexander, son of Calliteles, if they know who I am or not, now that I am dead?

656.—By THE SAME

SALUTE, Sir, this little mound and modest monument of hapless Alcimenes, though it be all overgrown by the sharp buckthorn and brambles on which I, Alcimenes, once waged war.

657.—BY THE SAME

YE shepherds who roam over this mountain ridge feeding your goats and fleecy sheep, do, in the name of Earth, a little kindness, but a pleasant one, to Cleitagoras, for the sake of Persephone underground. May the sheep bleat to me, and the shepherd seated on the unhewn rock pipe soft notes to them as they feed, and may the villager in early spring gather meadow flowers and lay a garland on my grave. May one of you bedew it with the milk of a ewe, mother of pretty lambs, holding her udder up and wetting the edge of the tomb. There are ways, I assure you, even among the dead of returning a favour done to the departed.

658.—THEOCRITUS OR LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

I shall discover, wayfarer, if thou honourest more the good, or if a worthless man hath as much of thy esteem. In the first case thou wilt say, "All hail to this tomb because it lies light on the holy head of Eurymedon."

659. <ΘΕΟΚΡΙΤΟΥ>

Νήπιον υίον ἔλειπες· ἐν ἡλικίη δὲ καὶ αὐτός, Εὐρύμεδον, τύμβου τοῦδε θανὼν ἔτυχες. σοὶ μὲν ἔδρη θείοισι παρ' ἀνδράσι· τὸν δὲ πολίται τιμησεῦντι, πατρὸς μνώμενοι ὡς ἀγαθοῦ.

660.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Ξείνε, Συρακόσιός τοι ἀνὴρ τόδ' ἐφίεται 'Όρθων, "Χειμερίας μεθύων μηδαμὰ νυκτὸς ἔης." καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ τοιοῦτον ἔχω μόρον, ἀντὶ δὲ †πολλῆς πατρίδος ὀθνείαν κείμαι ἐφεσσάμενος.

661.—TOY AYTOY

Εὐσθένεος τὸ μνημα· φυσιγνώμων ὁ σοφιστής, δεινὸς ἀπ' ὀφθαλμοῦ καὶ τὸ νόημα μαθεῖν. εὖ μιν ἔθαψαν ἐταῖροι ἐπὶ ξείνης ξένον ὄντα, χὐμνοθέτης ἐν τοῖς δαιμονίως φίλος ὤν. πάντων ὧν ἐπέοικεν ἔχειν τεθνεῶθ' ὁ σοφιστής, καίπερ ἄκικυς ἐών, εἶχ' ἄρα κηδεμόνας.

662.-- ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

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Ή παις όχετ' ἄωρος ἐν ἐβδόμω ἥδ' ἐνιαυτῷ εἰς ἀίδην, πολλῆς ἡλικίης προτέρη, δειλαίη, ποθέουσα τὸν εἰκοσάμηνον ἀδελφόν, νήπιον ἀστόργου γευσάμενον θανάτου. αἰαι, λυγρὰ παθοῦσα Περιστέρη, ὡς ἐν ἑτοίμω ἀνθρώποις δαίμων θῆκε τὰ δεινότατα.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 659-662

659.—THEOCRITUS

(On the same Tomb)

Thou hast left an infant son, but thyself, Eurymedon, didst die in thy prime and liest in this tomb. Thy abode is with the divine among men, but him the citizens will honour, mindful of his father's goodness.

660.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

STRANGER, a Syracusan named Orthon enjoins this upon thee: "Never go out drunk on a winter night." For that was what caused my death, and instead of resting in my ample country I lie clothed in foreign soil.

661.—By THE SAME

The tomb is that of Eusthenes the sophist, who was a reader of character, skilled in discovering our thought from our eyes. Well did his companions bury him, a stranger in a strange land, and among them was a poet marvellously dear to him. So the sophist, although he was feeble, had those who took care that he should have on his death all proper honour.

662.-By THE SAME

The girl is gone to Hades before her time in her seventh year, before all her many playmates, hapless child, longing for her little brother, who twenty months old tasted of loveless death. Alas Peristera for thy sad fate! How hath Heaven decreed that the very path of men should be sown with calamities!

663.—TOY AYTOY

'Ο μικκυς τοδ' ἔτευξε τὰ Θραΐσσα Μήδειος τὸ μνᾶμ' ἐπὶ τὰ ὁδῷ, κἠπέγραψε Κλείτας. ἐξεῖ τὰν χάριν ὁ γυνὸ ἀντ' ἐκείνων ὧν τὸν κῶρον ἔθρεψε. τί μάν; ἔτι χρησίμα καλεῖται.

664.—AAAO

Αρχίλοχον καὶ στᾶθι καὶ εἴσιδε τὸν πάλαι ποιητάν, τὸν τῶν ἰάμβων, οὖ τὸ μυρίον κλέος διῆλθε κἠπὶ νύκτα καὶ ποτ' ἀῶ. ἢ ῥά νιν αἱ Μοῦσαι καὶ ὁ Δάλιος ἢγάπευν ᾿Απόλλων, ὡς ἐμμελής τ' ἔγεντο κἠπιδέξιος ἔπεά τε ποιεῖν, πρὸς λύραν τ' ἀείδειν.

665.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ ΑΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Μήτε μακρή θαρσέων ναυτίλλεο μήτε βαθείη νη κρατεί παντὸς δούρατος εἶς ἄνεμος. ὅλεσε καὶ Πρόμαχον πνοιὴ μία, κῦμα δ' ἐν αὕτως ἀθρόον ἐς κοίλην ἐστυφέλιξεν ἄλα. οὐ μὴν οἱ δαίμων πάντη κακός ἀλλ' ἐνὶ γαίη πατρίδι καὶ τύμβου καὶ κτερέων ἔλαχεν κηδεμόνων ἐν χερσίν, ἐπεὶ τρηχεῖα θάλασσα νεκρὸν πεπταμένους θῆκεν ἐπ' αἰγιαλούς.

666.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Οὖτος ὁ Λειάνδροιο διάπλοος, οὖτος ὁ πόντου πορθμός, ὁ μὴ μούνφ τῷ φιλέοντι βαρύς· ταῦθ' Ἡροῦς τὰ πάροιθεν ἐπαύλια, τοῦτο τὸ πύργου λείψανον, ὁ προδότης ὧδ' ἐπέκειτο λύχνος. κοινὸς δ' ἀμφοτέρους ὅδ' ἔχει τάφος, εἰσέτι καὶ νῦν ὅκείνφ τῷ φθονερῷ μεμφομένους ἀνέμφ.

BOOK VII. EPIGRAMS 663-666

663.—BY THE SAME

LITTLE Medeus made this tomb by the wayside for his Thracian nurse, and inscribed it with the name of Clita. She will have her reward for nursing the boy. Why? She is still called "useful"!

664.—Anonymous

STAND and look on Archilochus, the iambic poet of old times, whose vast renown reached to the night and to the dawn. Verily did the Muses and Delian Apollo love him; so full of melody was he, so skilled to write verse and to sing it to the lyre.

665.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

TRUST not in the length or depth of the ship thou voyagest in; one wind lords it over every keel. One blast destroyed Promachus, and one huge wave dashed him into the trough of the sea. Yet Heaven was not entirely unkind to him, but he got funeral and a tomb in his own country by the hands of his own people, since the rude sea cast out his body on the expanse of the beach.

666.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

This is the place where Leander crossed, these are the straits, unkind not only to one lover. This is where Hero once dwelt, here are the ruins of the tower, the treacherous lamp rested here. In this tomb they both repose, still reproaching that envious wind.

¹ This epithet is occasionally found on the tombs of slaves.

667.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έν τῷ ναῷ τῆς άγίας 'Αναστασίας ἐν Θεσσαλόνικη Τίπτε μάτην γοόωντες ἐμῷ παραμίμνετε τύμβῳ; οὐδὲν ἔχω θρήνων ἄξιον ἐν φθιμένοις. λῆγε γόων καὶ παῦε, πόσις, καὶ παῖδες ἐμεῖο χαίρετε, καὶ μνήμην σώζετ' 'Αμαζονίης.

668.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Οὐδ' εἴ μοι γελόωσα καταστορέσειε Γαλήνη κύματα, καὶ μαλακὴν φρίκα φέροι Ζέφυρος, νηοβάτην ὄψεσθε' δέδοικα γὰρ οῦς πάρος ἔτλην κινδύνους ἀνέμοις ἀντικορυσσόμενος.

669.—ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥ

' Αστέρας εἰσαθρεῖς ἀστὴρ ἐμός. εἴθε γενοίμην Οὐρανός, ὡς πολλοῖς ὅμμασιν εἰς σὲ βλέπω. A. J. Butler, Amaranth and Asphodel, p. 14; A. Esdaile, Poems and Translations, p. 48.

670.—TOY AYTOY

'Αστήρ πρὶν μὲν ἔλαμπες ἐνὶ ζωοῖσιν Έφος· νῦν δὲ θανὼν λάμπεις Έσπερος ἐν φθιμενοις. P. B. Shelley, "Thou wert the morning star...," Works (Oxford ed.), p. 712.

671.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ, οί δὲ ΒΙΑΝΟΡΟΣ

Πάντα Χάρων ἄπληστε, τί τὸν νέον ἥρπασας αὕτως Υπταλον; οὐ σὸς ἔην, κᾶν θάνε γηραλέος;

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667.—Anonymous

In the Church of St. Anastasia in Thessalonica

Why, lamenting in vain, do you stay beside my tomb? I, among the dead, suffer naught worthy of tears. Cease from lament, my husband, and ye, my children, rejoice and preserve the memory of Amazonia.

668.—LEONIDAS OF ALEXANDRIA

Not even if smiling calm were to smooth the waves for me, and gently rippling Zephyr were to blow, shall ye see me take ship; for I dread the perils I encountered formerly battling with the winds.

669.—PLATO

Thou lookest on the stars, my Star. 1 Would I were heaven, to look on thee with many eyes.

670.—By THE SAME

Or old among the living thou didst shine the Star of morn; now shinest thou in death the Star of eve.

671.—By Some Attributed to BIANOR

EVER insatiable Charon, why didst thou wantonly take young Attalus? Was he not thine even had he died old?

LAster (Star) is said to have been the name of a youth whom Plato admired.

672.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Έν Κορίνθω γέγραπται

Χθων μεν έχει δέμας έσθλόν, έχει κλυτον ουρανός ήτορ

'Ανδρέω, δς Δαναοίσι καὶ Ίλλυριοίσι δικάσσας, οὐχ ὁσίων κτεάνων καθαρὰς ἐφυλάξατο χείρας.

673.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Εἰ γένος εὐσεβέων ζώει μετὰ τέρμα βίοιο, ναιετάον κατὰ θεσμὸν ἀνὰ στόμα φωτὸς ἐκάστου, ᾿Ανδρέα, σὺ ζώεις, οὐ κάτθανες· ἀλλά σε χῶρος ἄμβροτος ἀθανάτων ἁγίων ὑπέδεκτο καμόντα.

674.—ΑΔΡΙΑΝΟΥ

'Αρχιλόχου τόδε σημα, τον ές λυσσωντας ιάμβους ηγαγε Μαιονίδη Μοῦσα χαριζομένη.

675.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

"Ατρομος εκ τύμβου λύε πείσματα ναυηγοίο· χήμῶν ὀλλυμένων ἄλλος ενηοπόρει.

676.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Δούλος Ἐπίκτητος γενόμην, καὶ σῶμ' ἀνάπηρος, καὶ πενίην Ἰρος, καὶ φίλος ἀθανάτοις.

 $^{^{\}mathbf{1}}$ i.s. otherwise he would have excelled Homer in spic verse.

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672. — Anonymous

Inscribed at Corinth

THE earth holds the comely body, heaven the glorious spirit of Andreas, who, administering justice in Greece and Illyria, kept his hands clean of illgotten gain.

673.—Anonymous

Ir pious folk live after the end of this life, dwelling, as is fit, in the mouths of all men, thou, Andreas, livest and art not dead, but the divine place of the immortal holy ones has received thee after life's labour.

674.—ADRIANUS

This is the tomb of Archilochus, whom the Muse, out of kindness to Homer, guided to furious iambics.

675.—LEONIDAS OF ALEXANDRIA

Isopsephon

TREMBLE not in loosing thy cable from the tomb of the shipwrecked man. While I was perishing another was travelling unhurt.²

676.—Anonymous

- I, EPICTETUS,³ was a slave, and not sound in all my limbs, and poor as Irus,⁴ and beloved by the gods.
- ² Imitated from No. 282. ³ The celebrated philosopher. ⁴ The beggar in the *Odyssey*.

677.—ΣΙΜΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Μυήμα τόδε κλεινοίο Μεγιστίου, δυ ποτε Μήδοι Σπερχειον ποταμον κτείναν ἀμειψάμενοι, μάντιος, δς τότε κήρας ἐπερχομένας σάφα εἰδως οὐκ ἔτλη Σπάρτης ἡγεμόνας προλιπείν.

678.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Πληρώσας στρατιὴν Σωτήριχος ἐνθάδε κεῖμαι, ὅλβον ἐμῶν καμάτων γλυκεροῖς τεκέεσσιν ἐάσας. ἦρξα δ' ἐν ἱππήεσσι, Γερήνιος οἶάτε Νέστωρ· ἐξ ἀδίκων τε πόνων κειμήλιον οὐδὲν ἔτευξα. τοὔνεκα καὶ μετὰ πότμον ὁρῶ φάος Οὐλύμποιο.

679.—ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΩΦΡΟΝΙΟΥ ΠΑΤΡΙ-ΑΡΧΟΥ

5

a. Τύμβε, τίς ἡ πόθεν, ἡν δ' ἔτι παῖς τίνος, ἔργα καὶ ὅλβον,

νεκρός, δυ ενδου έχεις, ευνεπε, κευθόμενου. β. Οὐτος Ἰωάννης, Κύπριος γένος, υίδς ετύχθη εὐγενέος Στεφάνου· ἢν δὲ νομεὺς Φαρίης.

κτήμασι μὲν πολύολβος ὅλων πλέον ὧν τρέφε Κύπρος,

έκ πατέρος πατέρων, εξ δσίων τε πόνων εργα δε θέσκελα πάντα λέγειν, ἄπερ εν χθονὶ τεῦξεν, οὐδ' εμοῦ εστι νόου, οὐδ' ετέρων στομάτων πάντα γὰρ ἄνδρα παρῆλθε φαεινοτάταις ἀρετῆσι

δόξαντα κρατέειν ταῖς ἀρεταῖς ἐτέρων. 10 τοῦ καὶ κάλλεα πάντα, τάπερ πτόλις ἔλλαχεν αὕτη,

είσι φιλοφροσύνης κόσμος άρειοτάτης.

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677.—SIMONIDES

This is the tomb of famous Megistias 1 the prophet, whom the Persians slew after crossing the Spercheius. Though he well knew then the impending fate, he disdained to desert the Spartan leaders.

678.—Anonymous

Having accomplished my military service, I, Soterichus, lie here, leaving to my sweet children the wealth I gained by my labours. I commanded in the cavalry, like Gerenian Nestor, and I never amassed any treasure from unjust actions. Therefore after death too I see the light of Olympus.

679.—SAINT SOPHRONIUS THE PATRIARCH

A. "Tell me, tomb, of him whom thou hast hidden within thee, who and whence he was, whose son, his profession, and substance." B. "This man was Joannes of Cyprus, the son of noble Stephanus, and he was the pastor of Alexandria. He was wealthiest of all the Cyprians by inheritance and by his holy labours; and to telleall the divine deeds he did on earth is beyond my understanding or the tongue of others; for he surpassed in most brilliant virtues even men who seemed to surpass others. All the beautiful public works which this city possesses are ornaments due to his most praiseworthy munificence."

¹ The prophet who was with the Spartans at Thermopylae. Leonidas wished to send him home, but he refused to go.

680.—TOY AYTOY

'Αρχὸς 'Ιωάννης Φαρίης ἀρετῶν ἱερήων ἐνθάδε νῦν μετὰ τέρμα φίλη παρὰ πατρίδι κεῖται· θνητὸν γὰρ λάχε σῶμα, καὶ εἰ βίον ἄφθιτον ἔξει, ἀθανάτους πρήξεις τε κατὰ χθόνα ῥέξεν ἀπείρους.

681.—ΠΑΛΛΑΔΑ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΣ

Οὐκ ἀπεδήμησας τιμῆς χάριν, ἀλλὰ τελευτῆς·
καὶ χωλός περ ἐων ἔδραμες εἰς ἀίδην,
Γέσσιε Μοιράων τροχαλώτερε· ἐκ προκοπῆς γὰρ
ἡς εἶχες κατὰ νοῦν, ἐξεκόπης βιότου.

682.—TOY AYTOY

Γέσσιος οὐ τέθνηκεν ἐπειγόμενος παρά Μοίρης· αὐτὸς τὴν Μοίραν προὔλαβεν εἰς ἀίδην.

683.—TOY AYTOY

" Μηδèν ἄγαν" τῶν ὁπτὰ σοφῶν ὁ σοφώτατος εἶπεν ἀλλὰ σὺ μὴ πεισθείς, Γέσσιε, ταῦτ' ἔπαθες καὶ λόγιός περ ἐῶν ἀλογώτατον ἔσχες ὄνειδος, ώς ἐπιθυμήσας οὐρανίης ἀνόδου.
οὕτω Πήγασος ἵππος ἀπώλεσε Βελλεροφόντην, 5 βουληθέντα μαθεῖν ἀστροθέτους κανόνας άλλ' ὁ μὲν ἵππον ἔχων καὶ θαρσαλέον σθένος ἤβης, Γέσσιος οὐδὲ χέσειν εὕτονον ἦτορ ἔχων.

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680.—By THE SAME

JOANNES, both chief in virtue and chief priest of Alexandria, lies here after his death in his dear country. For his body was mortal, although he shall have immortal life and did countless immortal works on earth.

681-688 ARE BY PALLADAS OF ALEXANDRIA, AND ALL ON THE SAME SUBJECT 1

681

You did not go abroad for the sake of honour, but of death, and although lame you ran to Hades, Gessius, swifter than the Fates. For you retreated from life owing to the advancement of which you were dreaming.

682

GESSIUS did not die hurried by Fate, but arrived in Hades before Fate.

683

The wisest of the Seven Sages said "Naught in excess," but you, Gessius, were not convinced of it, and came to this end. Though erudite, you incurred the reproach of the greatest lack of reason in desiring to ascend to heaven. Thus it was that Pegasus was fatal to Bellerophon, because he wished to learn the rules of motion of the stars. But he had a horse and the confident strength of youth, whereas Gessius could not screw his courage up enough even to ease himself.

¹ They are all of course facetious. It is insinuated that Gessius' disappointment at not getting the consulate promised him by astrologers hastened his end.

684.—TOY AYTOY

Μηδείς ζητήση μερόπων ποτέ καὶ θεὸς είναι, μηδ' ἀρχὴν μεγάλην, κόμπον ὑπερφίαλον. Γέσσιος αὐτὸς ἔδειξε· κατηνέχθη γὰρ ἐπαρθείς, θνητῆς εὐτυχίης μηκέτ' ἀνασχόμενος.

685.—TOY AYTOY

Ζητῶν ἐξεῦρες βιοτου τέλος εὐτυχίης τε, ἀρχὴν ζητήσας πρὸς τέλος ἐρχομένην. ἀλλ' ἔτυχες τιμῆς, ὧ Γέσσιε, καὶ μετὰ μοῦραν σύμβολα τῆς ἀρχῆς ὕστατα δεξάμενος.

686.—TOY AYTOY

Γέσσιον ως ενόησεν ο Βαύκαλος ἄρτι θανόντα χωλεύοντα πλέον, τοιον ελεξεν επος:
"Γέσσιε, πως, τί παθων κατέβης δόμον "Αϊδος εἴσω γυμνός, ἀκήδεστος, σχήματι καινοτάφω;"
τον δε μέγ' οχθήσας προσέφη και Γέσσιος εὐθύς:
"Βαύκαλε, τὸ στρῆνος και θάνατον παρέχει."

687.—TOY AYTOY

Τὴν 'Αμμωνιακὴν ἀπάτην ὅτε Γέσσιος ἔγνω τοῦ ξενικοῦ θανάτου ἐγγύθεν ἐρχόμενος, τὴν ἰδίαν γνώμην κατεμέμψατο, καὶ τὸ μάθημα, καὶ τοὺς πειθομένους ἀστρολόγοις ἀλόγοις.

688.—TOY AYTOY

Οἱ δύο Κάλχαντες τὸν Γέσσιον ὤλεσαν ὅρκοις, τῶν μεγάλων ὑπάτων θῶκον ὑποσχόμενοι. ὡ γένος ἀνθρώπων ἀνεμώλιον, αὐτοχόλωτον, ἄχρι τέλους βιότου μηδὲν ἐπιστάμενον.

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684

LET no mortal even seek to be a god also, nor pursue the pride of high office. Gessius is the proof of it, for he was first of all puffed up and then collapsed, not content with mortal felicity.

685

You sought and found the end of life and happiness, seeking an office 1 tending to the highest end But you obtained the honour, Gessius, receiving after your death the insignia of office.

686

WHEN Baucalus saw Gessius just after his death. and lamer than ever, he spoke thus: "Gessius, what made thee descend into Hell, naked, without funeral, in new burial guise?" And to him in great wrath Gessius at once replied: "Baucalus, the pride of wealth may cause death."

687

WHEN Gessius discovered the fraud of the oracle of Ammon not long before his death in a strange land, he blamed his own belief and that science, and those who trust in silly astrologers.

688

The two soothsayers brought death on Gessius by their oaths, promising him the consular chair. O race of men vain minded, angry with themselves, knowing nothing even until the end of life.

1 The word also means "beginning."

689.--ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

'Ε**νθάδε σ**ῶμα λέλοιπεν 'Απελλιανὸς μέγ' ἄριστος· ψυχὴν δ' ἐν χείρεσσιν ἐὴν παρακάτθετο Χριστῷ.

690.-ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Οὐδὲ θανων κλέος ἐσθλον ἀπώλεσας ἐς χθόνα πᾶσαν, ἀλλ' ἔτι σῆς ψυχῆς ἀγλαὰ πάντα μένει, ὅσσ' ἔλαχές τ' ἔμαθές τε, φύσει μῆτιν πανάριστε· τῷ ῥα καὶ ἐς μακάρων νῆσον ἔβης, Πυθέα.

691.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Άλκηστις νέη εἰμί· θάνον δ' ὑπὲρ ἀνέρος ἐσθλοῦ,
 Ζήνωνος, τὸν μοῦνον ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν ἐδέγμην,
 ὁν φωτὸς γλυκερῶν τε τέκνων προὔκριν ἐμὸν ἦτορ,
 οὔνομα Καλλικράτεια, βροτοῖς πάντεσσιν ἀγαστή.

692,—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ, οἱ δὲ ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΣ

Γλύκων, τὸ Περγαμηνὸν 'Ασίδι κλέος, ὁ παμμάχων κεραυνός, ὁ πλατὺς πόδας, ὁ καινὸς 'Ατλας, αἴ τ' ἀνίκατοι χέρες ἔρροντι· τὸν δὲ πρόσθεν οὕτ' ἐν 'Ιταλοῖς, οὕθ' Ἑλλάδι προωστόν, οὕτ' ἐν 'Ασίδι, ὁ πάντα νικῶν 'Αἴδης ἀνέτραπεν.

693.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΛΟΥ

Γλήνιν παρηονίτις λμφέχω χερμάς, πικρή κατασπασθέντα κύματος δίνη, ότ' ίχθυάζετ' έξ ἄκρης ἀπορρώγος χώσαν δέ μ' ὅσσος λαὸς ἡν συνεργήτης, Πόσειδον, οῦς σὰ σώζε, καὶ γαληναίην αἰὲν διδοίης ὁρμιηβόλοις θῦνα:

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689.—Anonymous

HERE Apellianus, most excellent of men, left his body, depositing his soul in the hands of Christ.

690.—Anonymous

Nor even in death hast thou lost on the earth all thy good fame, but the splendid gifts of thy mind all survive, all thy talent and learning, Pytheas, most highly endowed by nature. Therefore art thou gone to the islands of the blest.

691.—Anonymous

I AM a new Alcestis, and died for my good husband Zeno, whom alone I had taken to my bosom. My heart preferred him to the light of day and my sweet children. My name was Callicratia, and all men reverenced me.

692.—ANTIPATER OR PHILIP OF THESSALONICA

GLYCO of Pergamus, the glory of Asia, the thunderbolt of the pancration, the broad-footed, the new Atlas, has perished; they have perished, those unvanquished hands, and Hades, who conquers all, has thrown him who never before met with a fall in Italy, Greece, or Asia.

693.—APOLLONIDES

I, THE heap of stones by the shore, cover Glenis, who was swept away by the cruel swirl of a wave as he was angling from a steep projecting rock. All his fellow fishermen raised me. Save them, Poseidon, and grant ever to all casters of the line a calm shore.

1 A combination of wrestling and boxing.

694.—ΑΔΑΙΟΥ

Ήν παρίης ήρωα, Φιλοπρήγμων δε καλείται, πρόσθε Ποτιδαίης κείμενον εν τριόδω, είπειν οίον επ' εργον άγεις πόδας εὐθὺς ἐκείνος εὐρήσει σὺν σοὶ πρήξιος εὐκολίην.

695.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Όρᾶς πρόσωπον Κασσίας τῆς σώφρονος. εἰ καὶ τέθνηκε, ταῖς ἀρεταῖς γνωρίζεται ψυχῆς τὸ κάλλος μᾶλλον ἡ τοῦ σώματος.

696.—ΑΡΧΙΟΥ ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΟΥ

Αίωρη θήρειον ίμασσόμενος δέμας αὔραις τλᾶμον, ἀορτηθεὶς ἐκ λασίας πίτυος, αἰωρη Φοίβω γὰρ ἀνάρσιον εἰς ἔριν ἔστης, πρῶνα Κελαινίτην ναιετάων, Σάτυρε. σεῦ δὲ βοὰν αὐλοῖο μελίβρομον οὐκέτι Νύμφαι, ώς πάρος, ἐν Φρυγίοις οὔρεσι πευσόμεθα.

697.—ΧΡΙΣΤΟΔΩΡΟΥ

Οὖτος Ἰωάννην κρύπτει τάφος, ὅς ρ΄ Ἐπιδάμνου ἄστρον ἔην, ῆν πρὶν παίδες ἀριπρεπέες ἔκτισαν Ἡρακλῆος· ὅθεν καὶ μέρμερος ἥρως αἰεὶ τῶν ἀδίκων σκληρὸν ἔκοπτε μένος. εἰχε δ΄ ἀπ' εὐσεβέων προγόνων ἐρικυδέα πάτρην Λυχνιδόν, ῆν Φοινιξ Κάδμος ἔδειμε πόλιν.

¹ The name means "busybody." . ² Marsyas.

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694.—ADAEUS

(Not Sepulchral)

If thou passest by the shrine of the hero (his name is 'Philopragmon)' that is at the cross-roads outside Potidaea, tell him on what task thou journeyest, and he at once will help thee to find a means of accomplishing it.

695.—Anonymous

Thou seest the face of virtuous Cassia. Though she be dead, the beauty of her soul rather than of ter visage is made manifest by her virtues.

696.—ARCHIAS OF MITYLENE

Poor Satyr² who didst dwell on the hills of Celaenae, thou hangest from a leafy pine, thy beast-like body flogged by the winds, because thou didst enter on fatal strife with Phoebus; and no longer, as of old, shall we Nymphs hear on the Phrygian hills the honeyed notes of thy flute.

697.—CHRISTODORUS

This tomb covers Joannes, who was the star of Epidamnus, the city founded by the famous sons of Heracles, whence it was brought about that this active hero ever reduced the stubborn strength of the unrighteous. The renowned fatherland of his pious parents and himself was Lychnidus, a city built by Phoenician Cadmus. Thence sprung this Heli-

⁸ It was founded by a certain Phalius who claimed descent from the Heraclidae.

ἔνθεν λύχνος ἔην Ἑλικώνιος, οὕνεκα Κάδμος στοιχείων Δαναοῖς πρῶτος ἔδειξε τύπον. εἰς ὑπάτους δ' ἀνέλαμψε, καὶ Ἰλλυριοῖσι δικάζων, Μούσας καὶ καθαρὴν ἐστεφάνωσε Δίκην.

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698.—TOY AYTOY

Αὐτὸς Ἰωάννης Ἐπιδάμνιος ἐνθάδε κεῖται,
τηλεφανὴς ὑπάτων κόσμος ἀειφανέων·
ὁ γλυκύ μοι Μουσέων πετάσας φάος, ὁ πλέον ἄλλων
εὐρύνας ξενίου δαίμονος ἐργασίην,
παμφόρβην παλάμην κεκτημένος, ἤντινα μούνην 5
οὐκ ἴδε δωτίνης μέτρον ὁριζόμενον.
αἰπυτάτην δ' ηὖξησε [νόμοις πα]τρίοισιν ἀπήνην,
φαιδρύνας καθαρῆς ἔργα δικαιοσύνης.
ὅ πόποι, οὐκ ἔζησε πολὺν χρόνον, ἀλλ' ἐνιαυτοὺς
μοῦνον ἀναπλήσας τεσσαράκοντα δύο,
το ψχετο μουσοπόλοισι ποθὴν πάντεσσιν ἐάσας,
οῦς ἐπόθει πατέρων φέρτερα γειναμένων.

699.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

'Ικάρου & νεόφοιτον ἐς ἠέρα πωτηθέντος 'Ικαρίη πικρῆς τύμβε κακοδρομίης, ἀβάλε μήτε σε κεῖνος ἰδεῖν, μήτ' αὐτὸς ἀνεῖναι Τρίτων Αἰγαίου νῶτον ὑπὲρ πελάγευς. οὐ γάρ σοι σκεπανή τις ὑφόρμισις, οὔτε βόρειον ἐς κλίτος, οὕτ' ἀγὴν κύματος ἐς νοτίην. ἔρροις, ὧ δύσπλωτε, κακόξενε· σεῖο δὲ τηλοῦ πλώοιμι, στυγεροῦ ὅσοον ἀπ' 'Αίδεω.

700.—ΔΙΟΔΩΡΟΥ ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ

Ίστω νυκτὸς ἐμῆς, ἥ μ' ἔκρυφεν, οἰκία ταῦτα λάϊνα, Κωκυτοῦ τ' ἀμφιγόητον ὕξωρ,

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conian lamp, because Cadmus first taught the Greeks letters. He attained the consulate, and administering justice in Illyria, crowned the Muses and pure Justice.

698.—BY THE SAME

HERE lies Joannes of Epidamnus, the far-shining ornament of ever brilliant consuls, who spread abroad the sweet light of the Muses, and more than others amplified the work of hospitality, having a hand that fed all, and alone among men knew not any measure to limit its gifts. He ornamented his lofty consular car with the laws of his country, making bright the works of pure justice. Ye gods! he did not live long, but at the age of only forty-two departed this life, regretted by all poets, whom he loved more than his own parents.

699.—Anonymous

Icaria, memorial of the disastrous journey of Icarus flying through the newly-trodden air, would he too had never seen thee, would that Triton had never sent thee up above the expanse of the Aegean Sea. For thou hast no sheltered anchorage, either on the northern side nor where the sea breaks on thee from the south. A curse on thee, inhospitable foe of mariners! May I voyage as far from thee as from loathly Hell.

700.—DIODORUS GRAMMATICUS

Know, thou stone palace of the Night that hides me, and thou, flood of Cocytus, where wailing is loud, it
'"Lychnus.". There is a poor pun on Lychnidus.

οὖτι μ' ἀνήρ, δ λέγουσι, κατέκτανεν ἐς γάμον ἄλλης παπταίνων· τί μάτην οὖνομα 'Ρουφιανός; ἀλλά με Κῆρες ἄγουσι μεμορμέναι. οὐ μία δήπου Παῦλα Ταραντίνη κάτθανεν ὧκύμορος.

701.—TOY AYTOY

' Ιφθίμω τόδ' ἐπ' ἀνδρὶ φίλη πόλις ἤνυσ' ' Αχαιῷ γράμμα παρ' εὐΰδρου νάμασιν ' Ασκανίης. κλαῦσε δέ μιν Νίκαια· πατὴρ δ' ἐπί οἰ Διομήδης λάϊνον ὑψιφαῆ τόνδ' ἀνέτεινε τάφον, δύσμορος, αἰάζων ὀλοὸν κακόν. ἢ γὰρ ἐψκει υἰέα οἰ τίνειν ταῦτα κατοιχομένω.

702.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

'Ιχθυοθηρητήρα Μενέστρατον ὥλεσεν ἄγρη δούνακος, έξαμίτης ἐκ τριχὸς ἐλκομένη, εἶδαρ ὅτ' ἀγκίστρου φονίου πλάνον ἀμφιχανοῦσα ὀξείην ἐρυθρὴ φυκὶς ἔβρυξε πάγην ἀγνυμένη δ' ὑπ' ὀδόντι κατέκτανεν, ἄλματι λάβρφ ἐντὸς ὀλισθηρῶν δυσαμένη φαρύγων.

703.→«MTPINOT

Θύρσις ὁ κωμήτης, ὁ τὰ νυμφικὰ μῆλα νομεύων, Θύρσις ὁ συρίζων Πανὸς ἴσον δόνακι, ἔνδιος οἰνοπότης σκιερὰν ὑπὸ τὰν πίτυν εὕδει φρουρεῖ δ' αὐτὸς ἐλὼν ποίμνια βάκτρον Ἔρως. ὰ Νύμφαι, Νύμφαι, διεγείρατε τὸν λυκοθαρσῆ βοσκόν, μὴ θηρῶν κύρμα γένηται Ἔρως.

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was not my husband, as they say, who, contemplating another marriage, slew me. Why should Rufinus have that evil name for naught? But the fatal Destinies brought me here. Paula of Tarentum is not the only woman who has died before her time.

701.—By THE SAME

His dear city set up this inscription by the beautiful waters of Ascania to the strong man Achaeus. Nicaea wept for him, and his father Diomedes erected to him this tall and glittering stone monument, lamenting; for it had been meeter for his son to pay him these honours when he died himself.

702.—APOLLONIDES

The capture of his rod, pulled out of the sea by the six stranded hair line, was fatal to the fisherman Menestratus; then, when the red phycis, gaping at the errant bait of the murderous hook, swallowed greedily the sharp fraud, as he was cracking its skull with its teeth, it slew him, taking a violent leap and slipping down his throat.²

703.—MYRINUS

(Not Sepulahral)

Thyrsis the villager who feeds the Nymphs' flocks, Thyrsis whose piping is equal to Pan's, sleeps under the shady pine tree having drunk wine at midday, and Love takes his crook and keeps the flock himself. Ye Nymphs! ye Nymphs! awake the shepherd who fears no wolf, lest Love become the prey of wild beasts.

¹ A lake near Nicaea.

704.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

Έμοῦ θανόντος γαῖα μιχθήτω πυρί· οὐδὲν μέλει μοι· τἀμὰ γὰρ καλῶς ἔχει.

705.—ANTIMATPOT

Στρυμόνι καὶ μεγάλφ πεποτισμένον Ἑλλησπόντφ ήρίον Ἡδωνῆς Φυλλίδος, ᾿Αμφίπολι, λοιπά τοι Αἰθοπίης Βραυρωνίδος ἔχνια νηοῦ μίμνει, καὶ ποταμοῦ τἀμφιμάχητον ὕδωρ, τὴν δέ ποτ Αἰγείδαις μεγάλην ἔριν ὡς άλιανθὲς τρῦχος ἐπ' ἀμφοτέραις δερκόμεθ' ἠιοσιν.

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706.—ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ

' Ιλιγγίασε Βάκχον ἐκπιὼν χανδὸν Χρύσιππος, οὐδ' ἐφείσατο οὐ τῆς στοᾶς, οὐχ ῆς πάτρας, οὐ τῆς ψυχῆς, ἀλλ' ἦλθε δῶμ' ἐς 'Αίδεω.

707.—ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΙΔΟΥ

Κήγω Σωσιθέου κομέω νέκυν, δσσον εν ἄστει ἄλλος ἀπ' αὐθαίμων ήμετέρων Σοφοκλήν, Σκίρτος ὁ πυρρογένειος. ἐκισσοφόρησε γὰρ ωνήρ ἄξια Φλιασίων, ναὶ μὰ χορούς, Σατύρων κήμὲ τὸν ἐν καινοῖς τεθραμμένον ἤθεσιν ἤδη ἤγαγεν εἰς μνήμην πατρίδ' ἀναρχαίσας.

¹ Said to have been a favourite quotation of both Tiberius and Nero.

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704.—Anonymous

When I am dead may earth be mingled with fire. It matters not to me, for with me all is well.¹

705.—ANTIPATER OF THESSALONICA

(Not Sepulchral)

AMPHIPOLIS, tomb of Edonian Phyllis, washed by the Strymon and great Hellespont, all that is left of thee is the ruin of the temple of Brauronian Artemis and the disputed ² water of thy river. We see her for whom the Athenians strove so long now lying like a torn rag of precious purple on either bank.

706.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

Chrysippus became dizzy when he had drunk up the wine at a gulp, and sparing neither the Stoa, nor his country, nor his life, went to the house of Hades.³

707.—DIOSCORIDES

I, too, red-bearded Scirtus the Satyr, guard the body of Sositheus as one of my brothers guards Sophocles on the Acropolis. For he wielded the ivy-bough, yea by the dance I swear it, in a manner worthy of the Satyrs of Phlius, and restoring ancient usage, led me, who had been reared in new-fangled fashions, back to the tradition of our fathers. Once

² The Athenian possession of Amphipolis was disputed by the Spartans and later by the Macedonians.

Chrysippus was said to have died in consequence of drinking too muchat a banquet given him by his disciples.

καὶ πάλιν εἰσώρμησα τὸν ἄρσενα Δωρίδι Μούση ρυθμόν, πρός τ' αὐδην έλκόμενος μεγάλην †έπτὰ δέ μοι ἐρσων τύπος οὐ χερὶ καινοτομηθεὶς τῆ φιλοκινδύνω φροντίδι Σωσιθέου.

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708.—TOY AYTOY

Τῷ κωμφδογράφω, κούφη κόνι, τὸν φιλάγωνα κισσὸν ὑπὲρ τύμβου ζῶντα Μάχωνι φέροις οὐ γὰρ ἔχεις κηφῆνα παλίμπλυτον, ἀλλά τι τέχνης ἄξιον ἀρχαίης λείψανον ἠμφίεσας. τοῦτο δ' ὁ πρέσβυς ἐρεῖ· ''Κέκροπος πόλι, καὶ

παρά Νείλω παρά Νείλω

έστιν ότ' εν Μούσαις δριμὰ πέφυκε θύμον."

709.-ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ

Σάρδιες άρχαῖαι, πατέρων νομός, εἰ μὲν ἐν ὑμῖν ἐτρεφόμαν, κερνᾶς ἢν τις ᾶν ἡ βακέλας χρυσοφόρος, ἡήσσων καλὰ τύμπανα νῦν δέ μοι ᾿Αλκμὰν

οὔνομα, καὶ Σπάρτας εἰμὶ πολυτρίποδος, καὶ Μούσας ἐδάην Ἑλικωνίδας, αἴ με τυράννων θῆκαν Δασκύλεω μείζονα καὶ Γύγεω.

710.—ΗΡΙΝΝΗΣ [ΜΙΤΥΛΗΝΑΙΗΣ]

Στάλαι, καὶ Σειρῆνες ἐμαί, καὶ πένθιμε κρωσσέ, ὅστις ἔχεις ᾿Αίδα τἆν ὀλίγαν σποδιάν, τοῖς ἐμὸν ἐρχομένοισι παρ' ἤρίον εἴπατε χαίρειν, αἴτ' ἀστοὶ τελέθωντ', αἴθ' ἑτέρας πόλιος·

² Macho is known to us chiefly as the author of scandalous

¹ Sositheus was a tragic poet of the 4th century. His Satyric dramas, of which we have some fragments, were especially celebrated. The Satyric drama is said to have originated at Phlius.

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more I forced the virile rhythm on the Doric Muse, and drawn to magniloquence...a daring innovation introduced by Sositheus.¹

708.—BY THE SAME

LIGHT earth, give birth to ivy that loves the stage to flourish on the tomb of Macho² the writer of comedies. For thou holdest no re-dyed drone, but he whom thou clothest is a worthy remnant of ancient art. This shall the old man say: "O city of Cecrops, sometimes on the banks of the Nile, too, the strong-scented thyme of poesy grows."

709.—ALEXANDER

Ancient Sardis, home of my fathers, had I been reared in thee I would have been a cernus-bearer 3 or eunuch, wearing ornaments of gold and beating pretty tambourines; but now my name is Aleman, and I am a citizen of Sparta of the many tripods, and have learnt to know the Heliconian Muses who made me greater than the tyrants Dascyles and Gyges.4

710.—ERINNA

YE columns and my Sirens,⁵ and thou, mournful pitcher that holdest the little ash of death, bid them who pass by my tomb hail, be they citizens or from another town; and tell this, too, that I was anecdotes in verse, many of which are quoted by Athenaeus. This epigram was actually engraved on his tomb at Alexandria where he spent most of his life.

3 The cernus was a vessel used in the rites of Cybele.

4 Kings of Lydia.

⁵ Figures of Sirens that stood on the tomb.

χἄτι με νύμφαν εὖσαν ἔχει τάφος, εἴπατε καὶ τό· χἄτι πατήρ μ' ἐκάλει Βαυκίδα, χἄτι γένος Τηνία, ὡς εἰδῶντι· καὶ ὅττι μοι ά συνεταιρὶς Ἡρινν' ἐν τύμβφ γράμμ' ἐχάραξε τόδε.

711.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

"Ηδη μèν κροκόεις Πιτανάτιδι πίτνατο νύμφα Κλειναρέτα χρυσέων παστὸς ἔσω θαλάμων, καδεμόνες δ' ἤλποντο διωλένιον φλόγα πεύκας ἄψειν ἀμφοτέραις ἀνσχόμενοι παλάμαις, Δημὼ καὶ Νίκιππος· ἀφαρπάξασα δὲ νοῦσος παρθενικὰν Λάθας ἄγαγεν ἐς πέλαγος· ἀλγειναὶ δ' ἐκάμοντο συνάλικες, οὐχὶ θυρέτρων, ἀλλὰ τὸν 'Αίδεω στερνοτυπῆ πάταγον.

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712.—HPINNHΣ

Νύμφας Βαυκίδος ἐμμί· πολυκλαύταν δὲ παρέρπων στάλαν τῷ κατὰ γᾶς τοῦτο λέγοις 'Αίδα· ' Βάσκανος ἔσσ', 'Αίδα· ' τὰ δέ τοι καλὰ σάμαθ' ὁρῶντι

ωμοτάταν Βαυκοῦς ἀγγελέοντι τύχαν, ώς τὰν παίδ', 'Υμέναιος ἐφ' αίς ἀείδετο πεύκαις, ταίσδ' ἐπὶ καδεστὰς ἔφλεγε πυρκαϊὰ καὶ σὰ μέν, ὡ 'Υμέναιε, γάμων μολπαίον ἀοιδὰν ἐς θρήνων γοερὸν φθέγμα μεθηρμόσαο.

713.—AΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Παυροεπής "Ηριννα, καὶ οὐ πολύμυθος ἀοιδαῖς· ἀλλ' ἔλαχεν Μούσας τοῦτο τὸ βαιὸν ἔπος.

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buried here a bride, and that my father called me Baucis, and that my country was Tenos, that they may know. Say, likewise, that my friend and companion Erinna engraved these lines on my tomb.

711.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

ALREADY her saffron couch inside the golden wedding-chamber had been laid for Clinareta the bride of Pitana. Already her parents Demo and Nicippus were looking forward to raising on high in both hands the blazing pine-torch, when sickness carried the girl away and took her to the sea of Lethe. All sadly her girl companions instead of beating at her door beat their breasts, as is the rite of death.

712.—ERINNA

I am the tomb of Baucis the bride, and as thou passest the much bewept pillar, say to Hades who dwells below "Hades, thou art envious." To thee the fair letters thou seest on the stone will tell the most cruel fate of Bauco, how her bridegroom's father lighted her pyre with those very torches that had burnt while they sang the marriage hymn. And thou, Hymenaeus, didst change the tuneful song of wedding to the dismal voice of lamentation.

713.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

(Not Sepulchral)

Few are Erinna's verses nor is she wordy in her songs, but this herelittle work is inspired. Therefore

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τοιγάρτοι μνήμης οὐκ ήμβροτεν, οὐδὲ μελαίνης νυκτὸς ὑπὸ σκιερῆ κωλύεται πτέρυγι· · αὶ δ' ἀναρίθμητοι νεαρῶν σωρηδὸν ἀοιδῶν μυριάδες λήθη, ξεῖνε, μαραινόμεθα. λωίτερος κύκνου μικρὸς θρόος ἡὲ κολοιῶν κρωγμὸς ἐν εἰαριναῖς κιδνάμενος νεφέλαις.

714.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Ρήγιον Ἰταλίης τεναγώδεος ἄκρον ἀείδω, αἰεὶ Θρινακίου γευομένην ὕδατος, οὕνεκα τὸν φιλέοντα λύρην φιλέοντά τε παῖδας Ἰβυκον εὐφύλλω θῆκεν ὑπὸ πτελέη, ἡδέα πολλὰ παθόντα· πολὺν δ' ἐπὶ σήματι κισσὸν το χεύατο καὶ λευκοῦ φυταλιὴν καλάμου.

715.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Πολλον ἀπ' Ἰταλίης κειμαι χθονός, ἔκ τε Τάραντος πάτρης· τοῦτο δέ μοι πικρότερον θανάτου. τοιοῦτος πλανίων ἄβιος βίος· ἀλλά με Μοῦσαι ἔστερξαν, λυγρῶν δ' ἀντὶ μελιχρον ἔχω. οὔνομα δ' οὐκ ἤμυσε Λεωνίδου· αὐτά με δῶρα κηρύσσει Μουσέων πάντας ἐπ' ἠελίους.

716.-ΔΙΟΝΥΣΙΟΥ ΡΟΔΙΟΥ

Πρώϊος, ἀλλὰ ποθεινὸς ὅσοι πόλιν Ἰαλύσοιο ναίομεν, εἰς λήθης πικρὸν ἔδυς πέλαγος, δρεψάμενος σοφίην ὀλίγον χρόνον· ἀμφὶ δὲ τύμβφ σεῖο καὶ ἄκλαυτοι γλαῦκες ἔθεντο γόον, Φαινόκριτ'· οὐδὲν ὅμοιον ἐπεσσομένοισιν ἀοιδὸς φθέγξεται, ἀνθρώπους ἄχρι φέρωσι πόδες.

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fails she not to be remembered, and is not held hidden under the shadowy wing of black night. But we, stranger, the countless myriads of later singers, lie in heaps withering from oblivion. The low song of the swan is better than the cawing of jackdaws echoing far and wide through the clouds of spring.

714.—Anonymous

I sing of Rhegium, that at the point of the shoaly coast of Italy tastes ever of the Sicilian sea, because under the leafy poplar she laid Ibycus the lover of the lyre, the lover of boys, who had tasted many pleasures; and over his tomb she shed in abundance ivy and white reeds.

715.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

FAR from the Italian land I lie, far from my country Tarentum, and this is bitterer to me than death. Such is the life of wanderers, ill to live; but the Muses loved me and instead of sourness sweets are mine. The name of Leonidas hath not sunk into oblivion, but the gifts of the Muses proclaim it to the end of days.

716.—DIONYSIUS OF RHODES

Too early and missed by all us who dwell in the city of Ialysus, hast thou sunk, Phaenocritus, into the sea of oblivion, after plucking for a brief time the flowers of wisdom; and round thy tomb the very owls that never shed tears lamented. No singer shall ever sing as thou didst to future generations as long as men walk upon their feet.

717.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Νηιάδες καὶ ψυχρὰ βοαύλια ταῦτα μελίσσαις οἶμον ἐπ' εἰαρινὴν λέξατε νισσομέναις, ώς ὁ γέρων Λεύκιππος ἐπ' ἀρσιπόδεσσι λαγωοῖς ἔφθιτο χειμερίη νυκτὶ λοχησάμενος. σμήνεα δ' οὐκέτι οἱ κομέειν φίλον· αἱ δὲ τὸν ἄκρης γείτονα ποιμένιαι πολλὰ ποθοῦσι νάπαι.

A. Lang, Grass of Parnassus, ed. 2, p. 185.

718.—ΝΟΣΣΙΔΟΣ

°Ω ξεῖν', εἰ τύ γε πλεῖς ποτὶ καλλίχορον Μυτιλάναν, τὰν Σαπφὰ χαρίτων ἄνθος ἐναυσαμέναν, εἰπεῖν, ὡς Μούσαισι φίλαν τήνα τε Λοκρὶς γᾶ τίκτεν ἴσαν ὅτι θ' οἱ τοὔνομα Νοσσίς ἴθι.

719.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Τέλληνος ὅδε τύμβος· ἔχω δ' ὑποβωλέα πρέσβυν τῆνον τὸν πρᾶτον γνόντα γελοιομελεῖν.

720.—XAIPHMONOΣ

Κλεύας ούτυμοκλείος, ύπερ Θυρεάν δόρυ τείνας, κάτθανες άμφίλογον γάν άποτεμνόμενος.

721. ← TOY AYTOY

Τοῖς "Αργει Σπάρτηθεν ἴσαι χέρες, ἶσα δὲ τεύχη συμβάλομεν Θυρέαι δ' ἦσαν ἄεθλα δορός. ἄμφω δ' ἀπροφάσιστα τὸν οἴκαδε νόστον ἀφέντες οἰωνοῖς θανάτου λείπομεν ἀγγελίαν.

¹ Unfortunately this version of the epigram is quite uncertain, as it involves considerable departures from the MS. text, itself unintelligible.

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717.—Anonymous

YE Naiads, and ye cool pastures, tell the bees that start for their spring journeys that old Lysippus perished lying in ambush for the fleet-footed hares on a winter night. No longer does he take joy in tending the swarms, and the dells where feed the flocks miss much their neighbour of the hill.(?)

718.—NOSSIS

STRANGER, if thou sailest to Mitylene, the city of lovely dances which kindled (?) Sappho, the flower of the Graces, say that the Locrian land bore one dear to the Muses and equal to her and that her name was Nossis. Go! 1

719.—LEONIDAS

I am the tomb of Tellen,² and under ground I hold the old man, who was the first to learn how to compose comic songs.

720.—CHAEREMON

CLEUAS, the son of Etymocles, who didst wield the spear for Thyreae, thou didst die allotting to thyself the disputed land.

721.—By THE SAME

WE from Sparta engaged the Argives equal in number and in arms, Thyreae being the prize of the spear, and both abandoning without seeking for pretexts our hope of return home, we leave the birds to tell of our death.

² Tellen (4th century B.C.) was by profession a flute-player. Of his comic productions we know nothing.

722.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Δηρίφατον κλαίω Τιμοσθένη, υἶα Μολόσσου, ξεῖνον ἐπὶ ξείνη Κεκροπία φθίμενον.

723.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

'Α πάρος ἄδμητος καὶ ἀνέμβατος, ὧ Λακεδαῖμον, καπνὸν ἐπ' Εὐρώτα δέρκεαι 'Ωλένιον, ἄσκιος· οἰωνοὶ δὲ κατὰ χθονὸς οἰκία θέντες μύρονται· μήλων δ' οὐκ ἀΐουσι λύκοι.

724.—ΑΝΥΤΗΣ ΜΕΛΟΠΟΙΟΥ

'Η ρα μένος σε, Πρόαρχ', όλεσ' εν δαΐ, δωμά τε πατρος Φειδία εν δνοφερφ πένθει έθου φθίμενος ἀλλὰ καλόν τοι ὕπερθεν ἔπος τόδε πέτρος ἀείδει, ὡς ἔθανες πρὸ φίλας μαρνάμενος πατρίδος.

725.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

α. Λίνιε, καὶ σὺ γὰρ ὧδε, Μενέκρατες, οὐκ ἐπὶ πουλὺ ἢσθα· τί σε, ξείνων λῷστε, κατειργάσατο; ἢ ρα τὸ καὶ Κένταυρον; β. "Ο μοι πεπρωμένος ὕπνος ἢλθεν, ὁ δὲ τλήμων οἶνος ἔχει πρόφασιν.

726. -- ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Έσπέριον κήφον ἀπώσατο πολλάκις ὕπνον ή γρηῦς πενίην Πλατθὶς ἀμυνομένη.

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722.—THEODORIDAS

I WEEP for Timosthenes, the son of Molossus, slain in battle, dying a stranger on the strange Attic soil.

723.—Anonymous

(Not Sepulchral)

LACEDAEMON, formerly unconquered and uninvaded, thou seest the Olenian smoke on the banks of Eurotas. No shade of trees hast thou left; the birds nest on the ground and the wolves hear not the bleating of sheep.

724.—ANYTE

Thy valour, Proarchus, slew thee in the fight, and thou hast put in black mourning by thy death the house of thy father Phidias. But the stone above thee sings this good message, that thou didst fall fighting for thy dear fatherland.

725.—CALLIMACHUS

A. "MENECRATES of Aenus, you too were not long on earth. Tell me, best of friends, what caused your death? Was it that which caused the Centaur's?" B. "The fore-ordained sleep came to me, and the unhappy wine is blamed."

726.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

OLD Platthis often repelled from her her evening and morning sleep, keeping poverty away, and near

¹ Achaean. This refers to the invasion of Lacedaemonia by the Achaeans in a.c. 189. * i.e. wine.

καί τι προς ήλακάτην καὶ τον συνέριθον ἄτρακτον **ἤε**ισεν, πολιοῦ γήραος ἀγχίθυρος, κάτι παριστίδιος δινευμένη άχρις έπ' ήους κείνον 'Αθηναίης συν Χάρισιν δόλιχον, ή ρικνή ρικνού περί γούνατος άρκιον ίστώ χειρί στρογγύλλουσ' ίμερόεσσα κρόκην. ογδωκουταέτις δ' Αχερούσιου ηὔγασεν ὕδωρ ή καλή καλώς Πλατθίς υφηναμένη. 10

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727.—ΘEAITHTOY

Τὰν γνώμαν ἐδόκει Φιλέας οὐ δεύτερος ἄλλου είμεν ό δε φθονερός κλαιέτω έσκε θάνη. άλλ' έμπας δόξας κενεά χάρις είν ἀίδα γάρ Μίνω Θερσίτας οὐδὲν ἀτιμότερος.

728.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΥ

'Ιερέη Δήμητρος ἐγώ ποτε, καὶ πάλιν Καβείρων, ώνερ, καὶ μετέπειτα Δινδυμήνης, ή γρηυς γενόμην, ή νυν κόνις, ήνο. . . πολλών προστασίη νέων γυναικών. καί μοι τέκν' ἐγένοντο δύ ἄρσενα, κὴπέμυσ' ἐκείνων 5 εύγήρως ένὶ χερσίν. Ερπε χαίρων.

729.— $T\Upsilon MNE\Omega$

Εὐειδης Τριτωνίς ἐπ' οὐκ ἀγαθαῖς ἐλοχεύθη κληδόσιν οὐ γὰρ ᾶν ὧδ' ἄλετο δαιμονίη ἀρτιτόκος τὰ δὲ πολλὰ κατήγαγεν εν βρέφος ἄδην συν κείνη δεκάτην δ' ούχ υπερήρεν έω.

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the door of gray old age used to sing a tune to her spindle and familiar distaff. Still by the loom until the dawn she revolved in company with the Graces that long task of Pallas, or, a loveable figure, smoothed with her wrinkled hand on her wrinkled knee the thread sufficient for the loom. Aged eighty years comely Platthis who wove so well set eyes on the lake of Acheron.

727.—THEAETETUS

PHILEAS seemed inferior to none in the gifts of his mind; let him who envies him go and cry himself to death. Yet but empty pleasure hath a man in fame, for in Hades Thersites is as highly honoured as Minos.

728.—CALLIMACHUS

I, THE old woman who am now dust was once the priestess of Demeter and again of the Cabiri and afterwards of Cybele. I was the patroness of many young women. I had two male children and closed my eyes at a goodly old age in their arms. Go in peace.

729.—TYMNES

The omens were evil when fair Tritonis was brought to bed, for otherwise she would not have perished, unhappy girl, just after the child was born. With her this one babe brought down to Hades so much happiness, and it did not even live beyond the tenth dawn.

^{1 \$\}mathbb{R}\$ form of imprecation.

730.—ΠΕΡΣΟΥ

Δειλαία Μνάσυλλα, τί τοι καὶ ἐπ' ἠρίφ οὖτος μυρομένα κούραν γραπτὸς ἔπεστι τύπος Νευτίμας; ἄς δή ποκ' ἄπο ψυχὰν ἐρύσαντο ἀδῖνες, κεῖται δ' οἶα κατὰ βλεφάρων ἀχλύϊ πλημμύρουσα φίλας ὑπὸ ματρὸς ἀγοστῷ· αἰαῖ 'Αριστοτέλης δ' οὐκ ἀπάνευθε πατὴρ δεξιτερᾳ κεφαλὰν ἐπεμάσσετο. ὧ μέγα δειλοί, οὐδὲ θανόντες ἑῶν ἐξελάθεσθ' ἀχέων,

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731.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

" Αμπελος ως ήδη κάμακι στηρίζομαι αὐτῷ σκηπανίῳ· καλέει μ' εἰς ἀίδην θάνατος. δυσκώφει μη Γόργε· τί τοι χαριέστερον, η τρεῖς η πίσυρας ποίας θάλψαι ὑπ' ἠελίῳ;" ἀδ' εἴπας οὐ κόμπῳ, ἀπὸ ζωὴν ὁ παλαιὸς ὥσατο, κης πλεόνων ηλθε μετοικεσίην.

732.--ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

"Ωχευ ετ' ἀσκίπων Κινησία, Έρμόλα υίε ἐκτίσων 'Αΐδη χρείος ὀφειλόμενον, γήρα ετ' ἄρτια πάντα φέρων: χρήστην δε δίκαιον εὐρών σε στέρξει καντοβίης 'Αχέρων.

733.—ΔΙΟΤΙΜΟΥ

† Αἰνόμενοι δύο γρῆες δμήλικες ἢμεν, 'Αναξὼ καὶ Κληνώ, δίδυμοι παίδες 'Επικράτεος' Κληνὼ μὲν Χαρίτων ἱερή, Δήμητρι δ' 'Αναξὼ ἐν ζωἢ προπολεῦσ': ἐννέα δ' ἠελίων

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730.—PERSES

Unhappy Mnasylla, why does it stand on thy tomb, this picture of thy daughter Neotima whom thou lamentest, her whose life was taken from her by the pangs of labour? She lies in her dear mother's arms, as if a heavy cloud had gathered on her eyelids and, alas, not far away her father Aristoteles rests his head on his right hand. O most miserable pair, not even in death have ye forgotten your grief.

731.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

"I AM already supported only on a stick, like a vine on a stake; Death calls me to Hades. Stop not thy ears, Gorgus. What further pleasure hast thou in basking in the sun yet for three or four summers?" So speaking in no braggart strain the old man cast away his life and settled in the abode of the greater number.

732.—THEODORIDAS

Thou art gone, still without a staff, Cinesias, son of Hermolas, to pay the debt thou owest to Hades, in thy old age but bringing him thyself still complete. So all-subduing Acheron finding thee a just debtor shall love thee.

733.—DIOTIMUS

WE two old women Anaxo and Cleno the twin daughters of Epicrates were ever together; Cleno was in life the priestess of the Graces and Anaxo served Demeter. We wanted nine days to complete

¹ An attitude of mourning.

όγδωκονταέτεις ἔτι λειπόμεθ' ἐς τόδ' ἰκέσθαι τῆς μοίρης· ἐτέων δ' οὐ φθόνος †ἰσοσίη. καὶ πόσιας καὶ τέκνα φιλήσαμεν· αἱ δὲ παλαιαὶ πρῶθ' ἡμεῖς 'Αίδην πρῆυν ἀνυσσάμεθα.

734.—ΑΔΗΛΟΝ

† Ηξεν ὅλατιτυτειδεστι. τί γάρ; νέκυς ω ποτι παίδων τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἠδ' ἦν ἀρχιγέρων ὁ γέρων, ἀλλὰ φίλος γ' ὧ πρέσβυ, γένοιτο τευ ὅλβια τέκνα ἐλθεῖν καὶ λευκῆς ἐς δρόμον ἡλικίης.

735.—ΔΑΜΑΓΗΤΟΥ

'Τστάτιον, Φώκαια, κλυτή πόλι, τοῦτο Θεανὼ εἶπεν ἐς ἀτρύγετον νύκτα κατερχομένη·
" Οἴμοι ἐγὰ δύστηνος· 'Απέλλιχε, ποῖον, ὅμευνε, ποῖον ἐπ' ἀκείη νηὶ περậς πέλαγος; αὐτὰρ ἐμεῦ σχεδόθεν μόρος ἴσταται. ὡς ὄφελόν γε χειρὶ φίλην τὴν σὴν χεῖρα λαβοῦσα θανεῖν."

736.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ ΤΑΡΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

Μὴ φθείρευ, ὅνθρωπε, περιπλάνιον βίον ἔλκων, ἄλλην ἐξ ἄλλης εἰς χθόν ἀλινδόμενος, μὴ φθείρευ, κᾶν εἴ σε περιστέψαιτο καλιὴ ἢν θάλποι μικκὸν πῦρ ἀι ακαιόμενον, εἰ καί σοι λιτή τε καὶ οὐκ εὐάλφιτος εἴη φύστη ἐνὶ γρώνη μασσομένη παλάμαις, ἡ καί σοι γλήχων, ἡ καὶ θύμον, ἡ καὶ ὁ πικρὸς ἀδυμιγὴς εἴη χόνδρος ἐποψίδιος.

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737.—ΑΔΕΣΠΟΤΟΝ

Ένθάδ' έγω ληστήρος ο τρισδείλαιος ἄρηϊ έδμήθην· κείμαι δ' οὐδενὶ κλαιόμενος.

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our eightieth year. We loved our husbands and children, and we, the old women, won gentle death before them.

734.—Anonymous

This corrupt epigram seems to be partly in Doric and is evidently a dialogue. Lines 1 and 2 are quite unintelligible. It ends thus:—

O old man, may thy blessed children too reach the road of gray age.

735.—DAMAGETUS

PHOCAEA, glorious city, these were the last words Theano spoke as she descended into the vast night: "Alas unhappy that I am, Apellichus! What sea, my husband, art thou crossing in thy swift ship? But by me death stands close, and would I could die holding thy dear hand in mine."

736.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

VEX not thyself, O man, leading a vagrant life, rolled from one land to another. Vex not thyself if thou hast a little hut to cover thee, warmed by a little fire, if thou hast a poor cake of no fine meal kneaded by thy hands in a stone trough, if thou hast mint or thyme for a relish or even coarse salt not unsweetened.

737.--Anonymous

HERE I thrice unfortunate was slain by an armed robber, and here I lie bewept by none.

738.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Κληίδες Κύπρου σε καὶ ἐσχατιαὶ Σαλαμῖνος, Τίμαρχ', ὑβριστής τ' ὤλεσε Λὶψ ἄνεμος, νητ τε σὺν φόρτω τε· κόνιν δέ σου ἀμφιμέλαιναν δέξαντ' οἰζυροί, σχέτλιε, κηδεμόνες.

739.—ΦΑΙΔΙΜΟΥ

Αλάζω Πολύανθον, δυ εὐνέτις, ὧ παραμείβων, νυμφίου ἐν τύμβω θῆκευ ᾿Αρισταγόρη, δεξαμένη σποδιήν τε καὶ ὀστέα (τὸν δὲ δυσαὲς ὅλεσεν Αἰγαίου κῦμα περὶ Σκίαθον), δύσμορον ὀρθρινοί μιν ἐπεὶ νέκυν ἰχθυβολῆες, ξεῖνε, Τορωναίων εἵλκυσαν ἐς λιμένα.

740.—ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑ

Αὕτα ἐπὶ Κρήθωνος ἐγὼ λίθος, οὔνομα κείνου δηλοῦσα· Κρήθων δ' ἐν χθονίοις σποδιά. ό πρὶν καὶ Γύγη παρισεύμενος ὅλβον, ὁ τὸ πρὶν βουπάμων, ὁ πρὶν πλούσιος αἰπολίοις, ὁ πρίν—τί πλείω μυθεῦμαι; ὁ πᾶσι μακαρτός, φεῦ, γαίης ὅσσης ὅσσον ἔχει μόριον.

741.—ΚΡΙΝΑΓΟΡΟΥ

'Οθρυάδην, Σπάρτης τὸ μέγα κλέος, ἡ Κυνέγειρον ναύμαχον, ἡ πάντων ἔργα κάλει πολέμων' 'Αρεος αἰχμητὴς 'Ιταλὸς παρὰ χεύμασι 'Ρήνου κλινθείς, ἐκ πολλῶν ἡμιθανὴς βελέων, αἰετὸν ἀρπασθέντα φίλου στρατοῦ ὡς ἴδ' ὑπ' ἐχθροῖς,

αὖτις ἀρηϊφάτων ἄνθορεν ἐκ νεκύων κτείνας δ' ὅς σφ' ἐκόμιζεν, ἐοῖς ἀνεσώσατο ταγοῖς, μοῦνος ἀήττητον δεξάμενος θάνατον.

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738.—THEODORIDAS

THE Keys of Cyprus 1 and the promontory of Salamis and the rude south wind destroyed thee, Timarchus, with thy ship and cargo, and thy mourning kinsmen received but the black ashes of thee, ill-fated man.

739.—PHAEDIMUS

I MOURN for Polyanthus, O passer by, whom his wife Aristagora laid in the tomb, her newly wedded lord, receiving his ashes and dust (in the stormy Aegean near Sciathus he had perished) after the fishermen in the early morn had towed his corpse into the harbour of Torone.

740.—LEONIDAS OF TARENTUM

I am the stone that rests on Cretho and makes known his name, but Cretho is ashes underground, he who once vied with Gyges in wealth, who was lord of many herds and flocks, who was—why need I say more? he who was blessed by all. Alas, what a little share of his vast lands is his!

741.—CRINAGORAS

CITE Othryadas,² the great glory of Sparta, or Cynegeirus,³ the sea-fighter, or all great deeds of arms. The Italian warrior who lay by the streams of the Rhine, half dead from many wounds, when he saw the eagle of his dear legion seized by the enemy, again arose from amid the corpses of the slain and killing him who carried it, recovered it for his leaders, alone winning for himself a death that knew not defeat.

¹ Some islands so called. ² See above, No. 431.

³ The brother of Aeschylus. He fought at Marathon and Salamis.

742.—ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΔΟΥ

Οὐκέτι Τιμόκλεια τεῶν φάος ἄλεσας ὅσσων κούρους δοιοτόκω νηδύϊ γειναμένη· ὅμμασι δ΄ ἐν πλεόνεσσιν ἀθρεῖς πυριθαλπὲς ἔχημα ἀελίου, προτέρης οὖσα τελειοτέρη.

743.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ

Είκοσιν Έρμοκράτεια καὶ ἐννέα τέκνα τεκοῦσα οὔθ' ἑνὸς οὔτε μιᾶς αὐγασάμην θάνατον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπωἴστευσεν ἐμοὺς υίῆας ᾿Απόλλων, οὐ βαρυπενθήτους Ἦρος εἶλε κόρας ἔμπαλι δ' ά μὲν ἔλυσεν ἐμὰν ἀδῦνα μολοῦσα, Φοῖβος δ' εἰς ἥβαν ἄρσενας ἀγάγετο ἀβλαβέας νούσοισιν. ἔδ' ὡς νίκημι δικαίως παισὶν καὶ γλώσση σώφρονι Τανταλίδα.

744.--ΔΙΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ

Έν Μέμφει λόγος ἐστὶ μαθεῖν ἰδίην ποτὰ μοίρην Εὔδοξον παρὰ τοῦ καλλίκερω ταύρου κοὐδὰν ἔλεξε· πόθεν; βοὶ γὰρ λόγον οὐ πόρε φύτλη, οὐδὰ λάλον μόσχω "Απιδι στόμα ἀλλὰ παρ' αὐτὸν λέχριος στὰς ἐλιχμήσατο στόλον, προφανῶς τοῦτο διδάσκων· "'Αποδύση βιοτὴν ὅσσον οὔπω." διὸ καί οἱ ταχέως ἤλθε μόρος, δεκάκις πέντε καὶ τρεῖς εἰσιδόντα ποίας.

745.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

'Ιβυκε, ληϊσταί σε κατέκτανον έκ ποτε νηδς βάντ' ές έρημαίην ἄστιβου ἠϊόνα, ἀλλ' ἐπιβωσάμενον γεράνων νέφος, αί τοι ἵκοντο μάρτυρες ἄλγιστον όλλυμένω θάνατον

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742.—APOLLONIDES

(Not Sepulchral)

No longer, Timoclea, hast thou lost the light of thy eyes, now thou hast given birth to twin boys, but thou art now more perfect than thou ever wast, looking with more than two eyes on the burning Chariot of the Sun.

743.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

I, HERMOCRATEA, bore twenty-nine children and have not seen the death of one, either boy or girl. For far from Apollo having shot down my sons and Artemis my daughters for me to lament, Artemis came to relieve me in childbed and Phoebus brought my sons to man's estate unhurt by sickness. See how I justly surpass Niobe both in my children and in restraint of speech.

744.—DIOGENES LAERTIUS

They say that Eudoxus learnt his own fate in Memphis from the bull with beautiful horns. It spoke not, how could it? for nature has not given speech to cattle nor a talkative tongue to the calf Apis; but standing beside him it licked his cloak, evidently telling him this. "You will divest yourself of life." So he died shortly after, having seen fifty-three summers.

745.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

Invous, the robbers slew thee when from the ship thou didst land on the untrodden desert shore. But first didst thou call on the flock of cranes who came to witness that thou didst die a most cruel

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οὐδὲ μάτην ἰάχησας, ἐπεὶ ποινῆτις Ἐρινὺς τῶνδε διὰ κλαγγὴν τίσατο σεῖο φόνον Σισυφίην κατὰ γαῖαν. ἰὰ φιλοκερδέα φῦλα ληϊστέων, τί θεῶν οὐ πεφόβησθε χόλον; οὐδὲ γὰρ ὁ προπάροιθε κανὼν Αἴγισθος ἀοιδὸν ὄμμα μελαμπέπλων ἔκφυγεν Εὐμενίδων.

746.—ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΟΥ

Εἰς τάφον τοῦ Διὸς ἐν Κρήτη * Ωδε μέγας κεῖται Ζᾶν ὃν Δία κικλήσκουσιν.

747.—AIBANIOT

Ίουλιανὸς μετὰ Τίγριν ἀγάρροον ἐνθάδε κεῖται, ἀμφότερον, βασιλεύς τ' ἀγαθὸς κρατερός τ' αἰχμητής.

748.—ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ

Τίς τόδε μουνόγληνος ἄπαν δωμήσατο Κύκλωψ λάϊνον 'Ασσυρίης χῶμα Σεμιράμιος, ἡ ποιοι χθονὸς υίες ἀνυψώσαντο Γίγαντες κείμενον ἐπταπόρων ἀγχόθι Πληϊάδων ἀκλινές, ἀστυφέλικτον, 'Αθωέος ἴσον ἐρίπνα φυρηθὲν γαίης εὐρυπέδοιο βάρος; διακαριστός, ὸς ἄστεσιν Ἡρακλείης οὐρανίων [νεφέων τεῦξεν ἐπ']¹ εὐρυάλων.

¹ The words in brackets are added in the MS. by a later hand. They give no sense.

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death. And not in vain didst thou cry out, for through the calling of the cranes the Erinys avenged thy death in the land of Corinth. O ye race of robbers greedy of gain, why fear ye not the anger of the gods? Not even did Aegisthus, who of old slew the singer, escape the eyes of the dark-robed Furies.

746. PYTHAGORAS

HERE lies great Zan whom they call Zeus.1

747.—LIBANIUS

Julian² lies here on the further bank of the strong current of Tigris, "a good king and a valiant warrior."³

748.—ANTIPATER OF SIDON

What one-eyed Cyclops built all this vast stone mound of Assyrian Semiramis, or what giants, sons of earth, raised it to reach near to the seven Pleiads, inflexible, unshakable, a mass weighing on the broad earth like to the peak of Athos? Ever blessed people, who to the citizens of Heraclea...

* The emperor. Homer, Iliad iii. 279.

¹ Supposed to have been written on the tomb of Zeus, in Crete.

BOOK VIII

THE EPIGRAMS OF SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

I SHOULD personally have preferred to follow the Teubner edition in omitting this book, as it forms no part of Cephalus' Anthology and merely, because all the epigrams are in the form of epitaphs, occupies this place in the Palatine MS. It has, however, been included in the Didot edition, which still remains the standard text of the Anthology, and it is the rule of the Loeb Library to reproduce the standard text. The proper place for this collection of the Epigrams of St. Gregory would be in his very voluminous works.

Gregory of Nazianzus was one of the great triad of Church Fathers of the fourth century (the Tpeîs' Iepápxaı as they are styled in the Orthodox Calendar). The other two, Basil and Chrysostom, were his contemporaries and friends, as will be seen from some of these epigrams. Basil especially had been his friend from his youth up, and Gregory's wife was Basil's sister (see Epigr. 164). Gregory evidently enjoyed making verses, but the epigrams make somewhat tedious reading, as there are so many on the same subject.

¹ Other epigrams of St. Gregory's which are found elsewhere in the Palatine MS, have not been included in the Didot edition.

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1.— Ἐπιτύμβιον εἰς Ἰωάννην καὶ Θεοδόσιον Ἐνθάδε τύμβος ἔχει θεοειδέας ἀνέρας ἐσθλούς, θεῖον Ἰωάννην, τὸν πάνυ Θευδόσιον, ὧν ἀρετὴ πολύολβος ἐς οὐρανοῦ ἄντυγας ἦλθε, καὶ φωτὸς μετόχους δεῖξεν ἀκηρασίου.

2.—Εἰς τὸν μέγαν Βασίλειον τὸν Καισαρείας ἐπίσκοπον τῆς ἐν Καππαδοκία

Σῶμα δίχα ψυχῆς ζώειν πάρος ἡ ἐμὲ σεῖο, Βασίλιε, Χριστοῦ λάτρι, φίλ', ἀιόμην· ἀλλ' ἔτλην καὶ ἔμεινα. τί μέλλομεν; οὔ μ' ἀναείρας θήσεις ἐς μακάρων σήν τε χοροστασίην; μή με λίπης, μή, τύμβον ἐπόμνυμι· οὔ ποτε σεῖο λήσομαι, οὐδὲ θέλων. Γρηγορίοιο λόγος.

3.-Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Βασίλειον τὸν μέγαν

'Ηνίκα Βασιλίοιο θεόφρονος ήρπασε πνεθμα ή Τριας ασπασίως ένθεν επειγομένου, πασα μεν οὐρανίη στρατιή γήθησεν ιόντι, πασα δε Καππαδοκών εστονάχησε πόλις οὐκ οἰον· κόσμος δε μεγ' ἴαχεν· ""Ωλετο κής υξ, ἄλετο εἰρήνης δεσμὸς ἀριπρεπέος."

BOOK VIII

THE EPIGRAMS OF SAINT GREGORY THE

1.—For the tomb of the Emperor Theodosius and St. John Chrysostom

HERE the tomb holds the good godlike men, divine Joannes and the most excellent Theodosius, whose rich virtue reached to the vault of heaven, and showed them partakers of the pure light.

2.—On St. Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

METHOUGHT, dear Basil, servant of Christ, that a body could sooner live without a soul than myself without thee. But I bore it and remained. Why do we delay? Wilt thou not lift me up on high and set me in the company of thyself and the blessed ones? Desert me not, I supplicate by thy tomb! Never, even if I would, shall I forget thee. It is the word of Gregory.

3 .- On the Same

When the Trinity carried away the spirit of godly Basil, who gladly hastened hence, all the host of Heaven rejoiced at his going, and not only the whole Cappadocian city 1 groaned, but the world lamented loudly. He is gone, the herald, the bond of glorious peace 2 is gone.

1 Caesarea. 24.e. he who was a bond of peace among men.

4.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Κόσμος όλος μύθοισιν ὑπ' ἀντιπάλοισιν ἀεικῶς σείεται, ὁ Τριάδος κλῆρος ὁμοσθενέος· αἰαῖ· Βασιλίου δὲ μεμυκότα χείλεα σιγῖ. ἔγρεο· καὶ στήτω σοῖσι λόγοισι σάλος σαῖς τε θυηπολίησι· σὺ γὰρ μόνος ἶσον ἔφηνας καὶ βίοτον μύθω καὶ βιότητι λόγον.

5.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

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Είς θεὸς ὑψιμέδων· ἔνα δ' ἄξιον ἀρχιερῆα ἡμετέρη γενεὴ εἶδέ σε, Βασίλιε, ἄγγελον ἀτρεκίης ἐριηχέα, ὅμμα φαεινὸν Χριστιανοῖς, ψυχῆς κάλλεσι λαμπόμενον, Πόντου Καππαδοκῶν τε μέγα κλέος· εἰσέτι καὶ νῦν, 5 λίσσομ', ὑπὲρ κόσμου ἵστασο δῶρ' ἀνάγων.

6.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ένθάδε Βασιλίοιο Βασίλιον ἀρχιερῆα θέντο με Καισαρέες, Γρηγορίοιο φίλον, δν περὶ κῆρι φιλησα· θεὸς δέ οἰ ὅλβια δοίη ἄλλα τε, καὶ ζωῆς ὡς τάχος ἀντιάσαι ἡμετέρης· τί δ' ὄνειαρ ἐπὶ χθονὶ δηθύνοντα τήκεσθ', οὐρανίης μνώόμενον φιλίης;

7.-Εἰς τὸν αὐτόν

Τυτθον ἔτι πνείεσκες ἐπὶ χθονί, πάντα δὲ Χριστῷ δῶκας ἄγων, ψυχήν, σῶμα, λόγον, παλάμας, Βασίλιε, Χριστοῖο μέγα κλέος, ἔρμ' ἰερήων, ἔρμα πολυσχίστου νῦν πλέον ἀτρικίης.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 4-7

4.—On the Same

THE whole world, the inheritance of the co-equal Trinity, is shaken in unseemly wise by strife of words. Alas, the lips of Basil are closed and silent. Awake, and by thy words and by thy ministry make the tossing to cease; for thou alone didst exhibit a life equal to thy words and words equal to thy life.

5.—On the Same

THERE is one God who ruleth on high, and our age saw but one worthy high-priest, thee, Basil, the deep-voiced messenger of truth, the Christians' bright eye, shining with the beauty of the soul, the great glory of Pontus and Cappadocia. Continue, I implore thee, to stand offering up thy gifts for the world.

6.-On the Same

HERE the Caesareans laid me their high-priest, Basil the son of Basil, the friend of Gregory, whom I loved with all my heart. May God grant him all blessings, and especially to attain right soon to this life that is mine. What profiteth it to linger on earth and waste away, longing for a celestial friend-ship?

7.-On the Same

A LITTLE time didst thou still breath on earth, but gavest all thou hadst to Christ, thy soul, thy body, thy speech, thy hands, Basil, the great glory of Christ, the bulwark of the priestly order, and now even more the bulwark of the truth so rent by schism.

8.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ω μύθοι, & ξυνὸς φιλίης δόμος, & φίλ' Αθῆναι, & θείου βιότου τηλόθε συνθεσίαι, ἴστε τόδ', ως Βασίλειος ἐς οὐρανόν, ως ποθέεσκεν, Γρηγόριος δ' ἐπὶ γῆς χείλεσι δεσμὰ φέρων.

9.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Καισαρέων μέγ' ἄεισμα, φαάντατε δ Βασίλειε, βροντὴ σεῖο λόγος, ἀστεροπὴ δὲ βίος· ἀλλὰ καὶ δις ἔδρην ἱερὴν λίπες· ἤθελεν οὕτω Χριστός, ὅπως μίξη σ' ὡς τάχος οὐρανίοις.

10.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Βένθεα πάντ' έδάης τὰ πνεύματος, ὅσσα τ' ἔασι τῆς χθονίης σοφίης· ἔμπνοον ἱρὸν ἔης.

10Β.-Εἰς τὸν αὐτόν

'Οκτάετες λαοίο θεόφρονος ήνία τείνας, τοῦτο μόνον τῶν σῶν, ὧ Βασίλει', ὀλίγον.

11.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Χαίροις, & Βασίλειε, καὶ εἰ λίπες ἡμέας, ἔμπης· Γρηγορίου τόδε σοι γράμμ' ἐπιτυμβίδιου, μῦθος ὅδ' δυ φιλέεσκες· ἔχοις χερός, & Βασίλειε, τῆς φιλίης καὶ σοὶ δῶρου ἀπευκτότατου. Γρηγόριος, Βασίλειε, τεῆ κόνι τήνδ' ἀνέθηκα τῶν ἐπιγραμματίων, θεῖε, δυωδεκάδα.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 8-11

8 .- On the Same

O CONVERSE, O friendship's common home, O dear Athens, O distant covenant we made to lead the divine life, know that Basil, as he desired, is in Heaven, but Gregory on earth, his lips chained.

9.—On the Same

O MOST glorious Basil, the great vaunt of Caesarea, thy word was thunder and thy life lightning. But none the less thou hast left thy holy seat; for such was the will of Christ that he might join thee early to the heavenly ones.

10.-On the Same

Thou knewest all the depths of the spirit and all that pertains to earthly wisdom. Thou wast a living temple.

10B.—On the Same

For but eight years didst thou hold the reins of the pious people, and this was all pertaining to thee that was little.

11.—On the Same

Hail, Basil, yea even though thou hast left us. This is Gregory's epitaph for thee, this is the voice thou didst love. Take from the hand that was dear to thee the gift though it be right grievous to give. Gregory dedicates to thee, divine Basil, this dozen of epigrams.

12.-Είς τὸν ἐαυτοῦ πατέρα

"Ενθ' έκατονταέτης, ζωής βροτέης καθύπερθε, πνεύματι καὶ θώκφ τεσσαρακονταέτης, μείλιχος, ήδυεπής, λαμπρὸς Τριάδος ὑποφήτης, νήδυμον ὕπνον ἔχω, Γρηγορίοιο δέμας: ψυχὴ δὲ πτερόεσσα λάχεν θεόν. ἀλλ' ἱερῆες άζόμενοι κείνου καὶ τάφον ἀμφέπετε.

13.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

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Έκ με πικρής ἐκάλεσσε θεὸς μέγας ἀγριελαίης, ποίμνης <δ'> ἡγεμόνα θήκε τὸν οὐδ' ὀίων ἔσχατον· ἐκ πλευρής δὲ θεόφρονος ὅλβον ἔνειμεν· γήρας <δ'> ἐς λιπαρὸν ἰκόμεθ' ἀμφότεροι. ἱρὸς ἐμῶν τεκέων ἀγανώτατος· εἰ δὲ τελευτήν ἔτλην Γρηγόριος, οὐ μέγα· θνητὸς ἔην.

14.—Εἰς τὸν αὐτόν

Εἴ τις ὄρους καθύπερθεν άγνης ὀπὸς ἔπλετο μύστης Μωσης, καὶ μεγάλου Γρηγορίοιο νόος, ὅν ποτε τηλόθ' ἐόντα χάρις μέγαν ἀρχιερηα θήκατο· νῦν δ' ἱερης ἐγγὺς ἔχει Τριάδος.

15.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Αὐτὸς νηὸν ἔρεψα θεῷ, καὶ δῶχ' ἱερῆα Γρηγόριον καθαρῆ λαμπόμενον Τριάδι, ἄγγελον ἀτρεκίης ἐριηχέα, ποιμένα λαῶν, ἡτθεον σοφίης ἀμφοτέρης πρύτανιν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 12-15

12.—On his own Father

HERE I sleep the sweet sleep, the body of Gregory, the mild sweet-spoken glorious interpreter of the Trinity. I lived to a hundred years, more than the span of man's life, and for forty years lived in the spirit and occupied the episcopal throne. But my winged soul is with God.—Ye priests, care reverently for his tomb too.

13.—On the Same

GREAT God called me from the bitter wild-olive,¹ and made me, who was not even the last of the sheep, the shepherd of the flock. From my devout rib² he gave me wealth of children, and both of us reached a prosperous old age. The mildest of my sons is a priest. If I Gregory suffered death, it is no marvel; I was mortal.

14.—On the Same

Ir there was one Moses privileged on the mountain to hear the pure voice, there was also the mind of great Gregory, whom once God's grace called from afar and made a great high-priest. Now he dwells near the Holy Trinity

15.—On the Same

I BOTH built a temple to God and gave him a priest, Gregory illumined by the pure Trinity, the sonorous messenger of truth, the shepherd of the people, a youth excelling in holy and profane learning.

¹ cp. Rom. xi. 17. * i.e. wife.

16.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Τέκνον ἐμόν, τὰ μὲν ἄλλα πατρὸς καὶ φέρτερος εἴης, τὴν δ' ἀγανοφροσύνην ἄξιος (οὔ τι πλέον εὔξασθαι θέμις ἐστί)· καὶ ἐς βαθὺ γῆρας ἵκοιο, τοίου κηδεμόνος, ὧ μάκαρ, ἀντιάσας.

17.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Οὐκ ὅῖς, εἶτ' οἴων προφερέστατυς· αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα ποιμήν, εἶτα πατήρ, καὶ νομέων νομέας, θνητοὺς ἀθάνατόν τε θεὸν μέγαν εἰς εν ἀγείρων, κεῖμαι Γρηγόριος Γρηγορίου γενέτης. ὅλβιος, εὐγήρως, εὕπαις θάνον, ἀρχιερῆος ἀρχιερεύς τε πατήρ, Γρηγόριος· τί πλέον;

18.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

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Οὔτι μὲν ἐς πολύκαρπον ἀλωὴν ὅρθριος ἦλθον, ἔμπα δὲ τῶν προτέρων πλείονα μισθὸν ἔχω Γρηγόριος, ποιμήν τε καλὸς καὶ πλείονα ποίμνην Χριστῷ ἀναθρέψας ἤθεσι μειλιχίοις.

19.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ουχ όσίης ρίζης μεν εγώ θάλος, ευαγέος δε συζυγίης κεφαλή και τεκέων τριάδος ποίμνης ήγεμόνευσα όμόφρονος ένθευ άπηλθον πλήρης και χθονίων κουρανίων ετέων.

20.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Γρηγόριος, τὸ δὲ θαῦμα, χάριν καὶ πνεύματος αἴγλην ἔνθεν ἀειρόμενος ρίψ' ἐπὶ παιδὶ φίλφ.

i.e. Bishop. By the Eucharist. Sep. I. Cor. xi. 3.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 16-20

16.—On the Same

MAYEST thou, my son, excel thy father in other things and in gentleness be worthy of him (we may not pray for more); and mayest thou reach a ripe old age, blessed man, whose lot it was to have such σ guardian.

17.—On the Same

No sheep, then the first of the sheep and next their shepherd, then their father and the shepherd of the shepherds, I gathering in one mortals and the immortal God, I lie here, Gregory the father of Gregory. Happy I died in hale old age, blessed in my offspring, I Gregory the high-priest and father of a high-priest. What more could I desire?

18.—On the Same

I, GREGORY, came not early to the vineyard, but yet I have higher wage than those who came before me. I was a good shepherd and reared for Christ a greater flock by my gentle usage.

19.—On the Same

I am the scion of no holy root, but the head 3 of a pious wife and of three children. I ruled over a flock united in spirit, from which I departed full of earthly and heavenly years.4

20 .- On the Same

GREGORY, (marvellous it was) as he was taken up, cast on his dear son grace and the light of the Spirit.

' Years passed in the priesthood and previously.

21.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Τυτθη μάργαρος έστίν, ἀτὰρ λιθάκεσσιν ἀνάσσει, τυτθη καὶ Βηθλέμ, ἔμπα δὲ χριστοφόρος ὡς δ΄ ὀλίγην μὲν ἐγὼ ποίμνην λάχον, ἀλλὰ φερίστην Γρηγόριος, τὴν σύ, παῖ φίλε, λίσσομ, ἄγοις.

22.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ποιμενίην σύριγγα τεαῖς ἐν χερσὶν ἔθηκα Γρηγόριος· σὰ δέ μοι τέκνον ἐπισταμένως σημαίνειν· ζωῆς δὲ θύρας πετάσειας ἄπασιν, ἐς δὲ τάφον πατέρος ὥριος ἀντιάσαις.

23.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Στράψε μὲν οἰς τὸ πάροιθεν ἐν οὔρει Χριστὸς ἀμείφθη, στράψε δὲ Γρηγορίου τοῦ καθαροῖο νοφ, τῆμος ὅτ' εἰδώλων ἔφυγε ζόφον ὡς δ' ἐκαθάρθη, ἦσι θυηπολίαις λαὸν δν εἰσέτ' ἄγει.

24.—Εἰς τὴν μητέρα ἐκ τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου προσληφθεῖσαν Παντός σοι μύθοιο καὶ ἔργματος ἢεν ἄριστον ἢμαρ κυριακόν. πένθεϊ πένθος ἄπαν, μῆτερ ἐμή, τίουσα, μόναις ὑπόεικες ἐορταῖς. εὐφροσύνης, ἀχέων ἵστορα νηὸν ἔχεις· χῶρος ἄπας δάκρυσι τεοῖς σφρηγίζετο, μῆτερ· μούνω δὲ σταυρῷ πήζευτο καὶ δάκρυα.

25.—Εἰς τὴν αὐτὴν μητέρα Νόνναν Οὕποτε σεῖο τράπεζα θυηοόχος ἔδρακε νῶτα, οὐδὲ διὰ στομάτων ἦλθε βέβηλον ἔπος· οὐδὲ γέλως μαλακἢσιν ἐφίζανε, μύστι, παρειαῖς. σιγήσω κρυφίους σεῖο, μάκαιρα, πόνους. καὶ τὰ μὲν ἔνδοθι τοῖα, τὰ δ' ἔκτοθι πᾶσι πέφανται· τοὕνεκα καὶ θείφ σῶμ' ἀπέλειπες Εδει.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 21-25

21.—On the Same

SMALL is the pearl, but the queen of jewels; small is Bethlehem, but yet the mother of Christ; so a little flock was mine, Gregory's, but of the best; and I pray, my dear son, that thou mayest lead it.

22.—On the Same

I, GREGORY, put into thy hands my shepherd's pipe. Rule over the flock skilfully my son. Open the gates of life to all, and ripe in years share thy father's tomb.

23.—On the Same

Christ shone in the eyes of those before whom he was transfigured on the mountain and he shone in the mind of pure Gregory when he escaped the darkness of idolatry. But since he was purified, he leads his people ever by his priestly ministrations.

24.—On his Mother who was taken to God from the Altar

THE Lord's day was the crown of all thy words and deeds, my mother. Honouring as thou didst all mourning by mourning, thou didst yield thee to rejoicing but on holy days. The temple was the witness of thy joy and grief alike: all the place was sanctified by thy tears, and by the cross alone those tears were stayed.

25.—On the Same

The sacrificial table never saw thy back, nor did a profane word ever pass thy lips, nor did laughter ever sit, O God's initiated, on thy soft cheeks. I will say naught of thy secret troubles, O blessed woman. Such wast thou within, and what thou wast outwardly was manifest to all. Therefore didst thou take leave of thy body in the house of God.

26.—Είς την αὐτήν

Πῶς ἐλύθη Νόννης καλὰ γούνατα; πῶς δὲ μέμυκεν χείλεα; πῶς ὅσσων οὐ προχέει λιβάδας; ἄλλοι δ' αὖ βοόωσι παρ' ἠρίον· ἡ δὲ τράπεζα οὐκέτ' ἔχει καρποὺς τῆς μεγάλης παλάμης· χῶρος δ' ἐστὶν ἔρημος άγνοῦ ποδός, οἱ δ' ἱερῆες οὐκέτ' ἐπὶ τρομερὴν κρατὶ βαλοῦσι χέρα. χῆραι δ' ὀρφανικοί τε, τί ῥέζετε; παρθενίη δὲ καὶ γάμος εὐζυγέων, κέρσατ' ἄπο πλοκάμους,

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τοίσιν ἀγαλλομένη κρατὸς φέρε πάντα χαμᾶζε, τῆμος ὅτ' ἐν νηῷ ῥικνὸν ἀφῆκε δέμας.

27.-Είς την αὐτήν

Σάρρα σοφή τίουσα φίλον πόσιν άλλα σύ, μήτερ, πρώτα Χριστιανόν, εἶθ' ἱερῆα μέγαν, σὸν πόσιν ἐσθλὸν ἔθηκας ἀπόπροθι φωτὸς ἐόντα. ᾿Αννα, σὰ δ' υἶα φίλον καὶ τέκες εὐξαμένη, καὶ νηῷ μιν ἔδωκας άγνὸν θεράποντα Σαμουήλ· ἡ δ' ἐτέρη κόλποις Χριστὸν ἔδεκτο μέγαν· Νόννα δ' ἀμφοτέρων ἔλαχε κλέος· ὑστάτιον δὲ νηῷ λισσομένη πάρθετο σῶμα φίλον.

28.—Είς την αὐτήν

Έμπεδόκλεις, σὲ μὲν αὐτίκ' ἐτώσια φυσιόωντα καὶ βροτὸν Αἰτναίοιο πυρὸς κρητῆρες ἔδειξαν· Νόννα δ' οὐ κρητῆρας ἐσήλατο, πρὸς δὲ τραπέζη τῆδέ ποτ' εὐχομένη καθαρὸν θύος ἔνθεν ἀέρθη, καὶ νῦν θηλυτέρησι μεταπρέπει εὐσεβεέσσι, Σουσάννη, Μαριάμ τε καὶ 'Ανναις, ἔρμα γυναικῶν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 26-28

26.—On the Same

How are Nonna's goodly knees relaxed, how are her lips closed, why sheds she not fountains from her eyes? Others cry aloud by her tomb, and the holy table no longer bears the gifts of her generous hands. The place misses her holy foot, and the priests no longer shall lay their trembling hands upon her head. Widows and orphans! what will ye do? Virgins and well mated couples! shear your hair... glorying in which she let fall on the ground all that was on her head, then when in the temple she quitted her wrinkled body.

27 .- On the Same

SARAH was wise, honouring her dear husband, but thou, mother, didst make thy good husband, once far from the light, first a Christian and then a bishop. Thou Anna¹ didst both bear the dear son for whom thou didst pray and gavest thy Samuel to be a holy servant in the temple; but the second Anna² took to her bosom the great Christ. Nonna shared the fame of both, and at the end, praying in the church, she laid aside there her body.

28.-On the Same

EMPEDOCLES, the fiery crater of Etna received thee, a mortal puffed up with vanity. Nonna leapt into no crater, but praying by this table was taken up thence a pure victim, and now, one of the guardians of her sex, shares the glory of the pious women, Susanna, Mary and the two Annas.

1 i.e. Hafinah.

⁸ Luke ii. 36.

29.-Είς την αὐτήν

"Ηρακλες, 'Εμπεδότιμε, Τροφώνιε, είξατε μύθων, καὶ σύ γ' 'Αρισταίου κενεαυχέος όφρὺς ἄπιστε· ὑμεῖς μὲν θνητοὶ καὶ οὐ μάκαρες παθέεσσι· θυμῷ δ' ἄρρενι Νόννα βίου τμήξασα κέλευθον, Χριστοφόρος, σταυροῖο λάτρις, κόσμοιο περίφρων, 5 ήλατ' ἐπουρανίην εἰς ἄντυγα ὡς ποθέεσκεν, τρίσμακαρ ἐν νηῷ σῶμ' ἀποδυσαμένη.

30 .- Είς την αὐτήν

Γρηγόριον βοόωσα παρ' ἀνθοκόμοισιν ἀλωαῖς ἤντεο, μῆτερ ἐμή, ξείνης ἄπο νισσομένοισι, χεῖρας δ' ἀμπετάσασα φίλας τεκέεσσι φίλοισι, Γρηγόριον βοόωσα· τὸ δ' ἔζεεν αἶμα τεκούσης ἀμφοτέροις ἐπὶ παισί, μάλιστα δὲ θρέμματι θηλῆς· τοὔνεκα καὶ σὲ τόσοις ἐπιγράμμασι, μῆτερ, ἔτισα.

31.-Είς την αὐτήν

"Αλλη μὲν κλεινή τις ἐνοικιδίοισι πόνοισιν, ἄλλη δ' ἐκ χαρίτων ἡδὲ σαοφροσύνης, ἄλλη δ' εὐσεβίης ἔργοις καὶ σαρκὸς ἀνίαις, δάκρυσιν, εὐχωλαῖς, χερσὶ πενητοκόμοις. Νόννα δ' ἐν πάντεσσι» ἀοίδιμος: εἰ δὲ τελευτὴν τοῦτο θέμις καλέειν, κάτθανεν εὐχομένη.

32.—Είς την αὐτήν

Τέκνον ἐμῆς θηλῆς, ἱερὸν θάλος, ὡς ἐπόθησα, οἰχομαι εἰς ζωήν, Γρηγόρι', οὐρανίην

¹ A curious choice of names. Entpedotimus was an 414

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 29-32

29.-On the Same

YIELD up your place in story, Heracles, Empedotimus, Trophonius and thou unbelieving pride of vainglorious Aristaeus. Ye were mortal and not blessed in your affections; but Nonna the bearer of Christ, the servant of the cross, the despiser of the world, after travelling the path of life with virile spirit, leapt to the vault of heaven, even as she desired, thrice blessed in having put off the vesture of her body in the temple.

30.-On the Same

CALLING on Gregory, mother, thou didst meet us by the flowery fields on our return from a strange country, and didst reach out thy arms to thy dear children, calling ever on Gregory. The blood of the mother boiled for both her sons, but mostly for him whom she had suckled. Therefore have I honoured thee, mother, in so many epigrams.

31 .- On the Same

ONE woman is famed for her domestic labours, another for grace and chastity, another for her pious deeds and the pains she inflicts on her body, her tears, her prayers, and her charity; but Nonna is renowned for everything, and, if we may call this death, she died while praying.

32.—On the Same

Child of my paps, holy sprout, Gregory, I go, as I longed, to the heavenly life. Much didst thou toil obscure Pythagorean Philosopher, Trophonius the builder of the Delphian temple, and Aristaeus a Cyrenaean seer.

καὶ γὰρ πόλλ' ἐμόγησας ἐμὸν κομέων πατέρος τε γῆρας, ἃ καὶ Χριστοῦ βίβλος ἔχει μεγάλη· ἀλλά, φίλος, τοκέεσσιν ἐφέσπεο, καί σε τάχιστα δεξόμεθ' ἡμετέροις φάεσι προφρονέως.

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33.-Είς την αὐτήν

Ψυχὴ μὲν πτερόεσσα πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἤλυθε Νόννης, σῶμα δ' ἄρ' ἐκ νηοῦ Μάρτυσι παρθέμεθα. Μάρτυρες, ἀλλ' ὑπόδεχθε θύος μέγα, τὴν πολύμοχθον σάρκα καὶ ὑμετέροις αἵμασιν ἑσπομένην, αἵμασιν ὑμετέροισιν, ἐπεὶ ψυχῶν ὀλετῆρος 5 δηναιοῦσι πόνοις κάρτος ἔπαυσε μέγα.

34.-Είς την αὐτήν

Οὐ μόσχων θυσίην σκιοειδέα, οὐδὲ χιμάρρων, οὐδὲ πρωτοτόκων Νόνν' ἀνέθηκε θεῷ· ταῦτα νόμος προτέροισιν, ὅτ' εἰκόνες· ἡ δ' ἄρ' ἐαυτὴν δῶκεν ὅλην βιότῳ, μάνθανε, καὶ θανάτῳ.

35.-Είς την αὐτήν

Εὐχομένη βοόωσα παρ' ἀγνοτάτησι τραπέζαις Νόννα λύθη. φωνή δ' ἐδέθη καὶ χείλεα καλὰ γηραλέης. τί τὸ θαῦμα; θεὸς θέλεν ὑμνήτειραν γλῶσσαν ἐπ' εὐφήμοισι λόγοις κληῖδα βαλέσθαι καὶ νῦν οὐρανόθεν μέχὶ ἐπεύχεται ἡμερίοισιν.

36.-Είς την αὐτήν

Εὐχωλαῖς καὶ πόντον ἐκοίμισε Νόννα θεουδὴς οἶς τεκέεσσι φίλοισι, καὶ ἐκ περάτων συνάγειρεν ἀντολίης δύσιός τε, μέγα κλέος, οὐ δοκέοντας, μητρὸς ἔρως· νοῦσόν τε πικρὴν ἀποέργαθεν ἀνδρός· λισσομένη, τὸ δὲ θαῦμα, λίπεν βίον ἔνδοθι νηοῦ.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 33-36

to tend my own and thy father's old age, and all this is written in the great book of Christ. But follow thy parents, dear, and we shall soon receive thee gladly to our splendour.

33 .- On the Same

The winged soul of Nonna went to heaven, and from the temple we bore her body to lay it beside the martyrs. Receive, ye martyrs, this great victim, her suffering flesh that follows your blood—your blood I say, for by her long labours she broke the mighty strength of the destroyer of souls.

34.—On the Same

No shadowy¹ sacrifice of calves or goats or first-born did Nonna offer to God. This the Law enjoined on men of old, when there were yet types, but learn that she sacrificed her whole self by her life and by her death.

35.—On the Same

Nonna was released as she was calling aloud in prayer by the most holy table; there the voice and the lovely lips of the aged woman were arrested. Why marvel thereat? God willed to put the lock on her hymning tongue as it was in the act of uttering words of happy omen, and now from heaven she prays aloud for mortals.

36.—On the Same

God-LIKE Nonna stilled the sea by her prayers for her dear sons, and their mother's love gathered them from the extremes of east and west, when they thought not to return—a great glory to her. And by her prayers she dispelled her husband's grave illness, and (what a marvel!) she ended her life in the church.

¹ Which is "a shadow of things to come." (Col. ii. 17).

37.-Είς την αὐτήν

Πολλάκις ἔκ με νόσων τε καὶ ἀργαλέων ὀρυμαγδών, σεισμών τε κρυερών, καὶ ἄγρια κυμαίνοντος οἴδματος ἐξεσάωσας, ἐπεὶ θεὸν ἵλαον εἶχες ἀλλὰ σάω καὶ νῦν με, πάτερ, μεγάλησι λιτῆσι, καὶ σύ, τεκοῦσα, μάκαιρα ἐν εὐχωλῆσι θανοῦσα.

38.-Είς την αὐτήν

Νόνναν ἐπουρανίοισιν ἀγαλλομένην φαέεσσι, καὶ ῥίζης ἱερῆς πτόρθον ἀειθαλέα, Γρηγορίου ἱερῆος ὁμόζυγα, καὶ πραπίδεσσιν εὐαγέων τεκέων μητέρα, τύμβος ἔχω.

39.-Είς την αὐτήν

Εύχαί τε στοναχαί τε φίλαι καὶ νύκτες ἄϋπνοι, καὶ νηοῖο πέδον δάκρυσι δευόμενον, σοί, Νόννα ζαθέη, τοίην βιότοιο τελευτὴν ὅπασαν, ἐν νηῷ ψῆφον έλεῖν θανάτου.

40.-Είς την αὐτήν

Μούνη σοὶ φωνή περιλείπετο, Νόννα φαεινή, πάνθ' ἄμυδις ληνοῖς ἐνθεμένη μεγάλοις, ἐκ καθαρής κραδίης άγνὸν θύος· ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ τὴν ὑστατίην νηῷ λεῖπες ἀειρομένη.

41.—Είς την αύτην

Οὐδὲ θάνεν νηοῖο θυώδεος ἔκτοθι Νόννα, φωνὴν δὲ προτέρην ἥρπασε Χριστὸς ἄναξ λισσομένης· πόθεεν γὰρ ἐν εὐχωλῆσι τελέσσαι τόνδε βίον πάσης άγνότερον θυσίης.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 37-41

37 .- On the Same

OFTEN from disease and grave disturbance, and dreadful earthquake, and the wild tossing of the waves hast thou saved me, as God inclined his ear to thee. But save me now, father, by thy prayers of might, and thou, mother, blessed in that thou didst die while praying.

38.—On the Same

I AM the tomb which holds Nonna glorying in celestial splendour, the evergreen sapling of a holy root, the wife of the priest Gregory and mother of pious children.

39.-On the Same

Thy prayers and the groans thou didst love, and sleepless nights, and the floor of the church bedewed with tears procured for thee, divine Nonna, such an end—to receive the doom of death in church.

40 .- On the Same

Only thy voice was left to thee, shining Nonna, who didst cast all that was thine together into the great wine-vats, a pure offering from a pure heart; but at the end when thou wast taken thou didst leave that too in the church.

41.-On the Same

Nonna did not even die outside the incensebreathing church, but Christ took her voice first as she was praying. For she desired to finish in prayer this life purer than any sacrifice.

1 i.e. churches. The word was so interpreted in the heading to Ps. viii.

42.-Είς την αὐτήν

Νόνν' ίερή, σὺ δὲ πάντα θεῷ βίον ἀντείνασα ὑστάτιον ψυχὴν δῶκας άγνὴν θυσίην· τῆδε γὰρ εὐχομένη ζωὴν λίπες· ἡ δὲ τράπεζα, μῆτερ ἐμή, τῷ σῷ δῶκε κλέος θανάτῳ.

43.-Είς την αὐτήν

Τῆσδε πατὴρ μὲν ἐμὸς λάτρις μέγας ἦε τραπέζης, μήτηρ δ' εὐχομένη πὰρ ποσὶ λῆξε βίου, Γρηγόριος Νόυνα τε μεγακλέες· εὔχομ' ἄνακτι τοίαν ἐμοὶ ζωὴν καὶ τέλος ἀντιάσαι.

44.-Είς την αὐτήν

· Πολλά, τράπεζα φίλη, Νόννης καὶ δάκρυ' ἐδέξω^{*} δέχνυσο καὶ ψυχήν, τὴν πυμάτην θυσίην."
 εἰπε καὶ ἐκ μελέων κέαρ ἔπτατο· ἐν δ' ἄρα μοῦνον, παῖδ' ἐπόθει, τεκέων τὸν ἔτι λειπόμενον.

45.—Εἰς τὴν αὐτήν

Ένθα ποτ' εὐχομένης τόσσον νόος ἔπτατο Νόννης, μέσφ' ὅτε καὶ ψυχὴ ἔσπετ' ἀειρομένω. εὐχομένης δὲ νέκυς ἱερῷ παρέκειτο τραπέζη. γράψατ' ἐπερχομένοις θαῦμα τόδ', εὐσεβέες.

46.—Είς την αὐτήν

Τίς θάνεν ώς θάνε Νόννα, παρ' εὐαγέεσσι τραπέζαις, τῶν ἱερῶν σανίδων χερσὶν ἐφαπτομένη; τίς λύσεν εὐχομένης Νόννης τύπον; ώς ἐπὶ δηρὸν ἤθελεν ἔνθα μένειν καὶ νέκυς εἐσεβέων.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 42-46

42.—On the Same

Holy Nonna, thou who hadst offered all thy life to God, didst give him thy soul at the end as a pure sacrifice. For here thou didst depart this life in prayer, and the altar gave glory, my mother, to thy death.

43.—On the Same

My father was the distinguished servant of this table, and my mother died in prayer at its feet.—Gregory and Nonna of good fame. I pray to the King that such a life and death may be mine.

44.—On the Same

"Many of Nonna's tears, dear table, didst thou receive; receive now her soul, her last sacrifice," so spake she, and her soul flew from her limbs. One thing alone did she lack, her son, her still surviving child.

45.—On the Same

HERE the mind of Nonna in her prayers flew so often on high that at length her soul too followed it as it mounted. She fell a corpse even as she prayed at the foot of the holy table. Write this marvel, O holy men, for generations to come.

46 .- On the Same

Who died as Nonna died by the pure table, touching with her hands the holy planks? Who dissolved the form of Nonna as she was praying? For she wished to tarry long here, pious even when she was a corpse.

47.—Είς τὴν αὐτήν

"Ενθα ποτ' εὐχομένη Νόννη θεὸς εἶπεν ἄνωθεν "Ερχεο·" ἡ δ' ελύθη σώματος ἀσπασίως, χειρῶν ἀμφοτέρων τῆ μεν κατέχουσα τράπεζαν, τῆ δ' ἔτι λισσομένη: ""Ιλαθι, Χριστε ἄναξ."

48.—Είς την αὐτήν

'Ρίζης εὖσεβέος γενόμην καὶ σὰρξ ἱερῆος, καὶ μήτηρ· Χριστῷ σῶμα, βίον, δάκρυα, πάντ' ἐκένωσα φέρουσα· τὸ δ' ἔσχατον, ἔνθεν ἀέρθηι νηῷ γηραλέον Νόννα λιποῦσα δέμας.

49.-Είς την αὐτήν

Πίστις Ένωχ μετέθηκε καὶ Ἡλίαν, ἐν δὲ γυναιξὶ μητέρ' ἐμὴν πρώτην· οἶδε τράπεζα τόδε, ἔνθεν ἀναιμάκτοισιν ὁμοῦ θυέεσσιν ἀέρθη εἰσέτι λισσομένη σώματι Νόννα φίλη.

50.-Είς την αὐτήν

Οὐ νόσος, οὐδέ σε γῆρας ὁμοίϊον, οὔ σε γ' ἀνίη, καίπερ γηραλέην, μῆτερ ἐμή, δάμασεν· ἀλλ' ἄτρωτος, ἄκαμπτος ἀγνοῖς ὑπὸ ποσσὶ τραπέζης, εὐχομένη Χριστῷ, Νόνν', ἀπέδωκας ὅπα.

51.-Είς την αὐτήν

Δῶκε θεῷ θυσίην 'Αβραὰμ πάϊν, ὡς δὲ θύγατρα κλεινὸς 'Ιεφθάε, ἀμφότεροι μεγάλην μῆτερ ἐμή, σὰ δ' ἔδωκας άγνὸν βίον, ὑστάτιον δὲ ψυχήν, εὐχωλῆς, Νόννα, φίλον σφάγιον.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 47-51

47 .- On the Same

HERE once God said from on high to Nonna as she was praying "Come," and gladly she was released from her body, holding the table with one hand and with the other praying "Lord Christ, have mercy upon us."

48.-On the Same

Springing from a pious root I was the flesh of and the mother of a priest. To Christ I brought my body, my life, my tears, emptying out my all; and last of all here in the church I Nonna was taken up, leaving my aged body.

49.—On the Same

FAITH translated Enoch and Elias, but among women my mother first of all; the table knows this, whence dear Nonna still praying in the body was taken up together with the bloodless Sacrifice.

50 .- On the Same

NEITHER sickness nor age, the common lot of all, nor grief subdued thee, my mother, old though thou wast, but unwounded, unbent, at the holy feet of the altar, in the act of praying, thou didst render up thy voice to Christ.

51.-On the Same

Abraham gave his son a sacrifice to God, and renowned Jephtha his daughter, a great sacrifice in each case, but thou, my mother, didst give thy holy life and finally thy soul, the dear victim of thy prayer.

52.-Είς την αὐτήν

Σάρρα φίλη, πῶς τὸν σὸν Ἰσαὰκ λίπες, ἢ ποθέουσα τῶν ἸΑβραὰμ κόλπων ὡς τάχος ἀντιάσαι, Νόννα, Γρηγορίοιο θεόφρονος; ἢ μέγα θαῦμα μηδὲ θανεῖν νηῶν ἔκτοθι καὶ θυέων.

52B.-Είς την αὐτήν

Μάρτυρες, ίληκοιτε· μόγοις γε μὲν οὔτι χερείων Νόννα φίλη, κρυπτῷ κὰμφαδίῷ πολέμῷ· τοὔνεκα καὶ τοίης κύρσεν βιότοιο τελευτῆς, εὐχῆς καὶ ζωῆς ἐν τέλος εὐραμένη.

53.-Είς την αὐτήν

Ή Τριας ην ποθέεσκες, όμον σέλας, εν τε σέβασμα, ἐκ νηοῦ μεγάλου σε πρὸς οὐρανὸν ήρπασε, Νόννα, εὐχομένην ζωης δὲ τέλος καθαρώτερον εὖρες. οὖποτε χείλεα μίξας ἀνάγνοις χείλεσιν ἀγνώ, οὐδ' ἀθέω παλάμη καθαρὰν χέρα μέχρις ἐδωδης, μῆτερ ἐμή μισθὸς δὲ λιπεῖν βίον ἐν θυἐεσσιν.

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54.-Είς την αὐτήν

Αγγελος αἰγλήεις σὲ φαάντατος ἥρπασε, Νόννα, ἔνθα ποτ' εὐχομένην, καθαρὴν μελέεσσι νόφ τε· καὶ τὸ μὲν ἥρπασε σεῖο, τὸ δ' ἐνθάδε κάλλιπε νηῷ.

55.-Είς την αὐτήν

Νηδς ὅδ' (οὐ γὰρ ὅλην Νόνναν θέμις ἢεν ἐρύξαι), ψυχῆς οἰχομένης, μοῦνον ἐπέσχε δέμας, ὡς πάλιν ἐγρομένη καθαρώτερον ἔνθεν ἀερθῆ, σώματι τῷ μογερῷ δόξαν ἐφεσσομένη.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 52-55

52.—On the Same

DEAR Sarah, how didst thou leave thy Isaac? Was it, Nonna, that thou didst desire to come as quickly as might be to the bosom of Abraham, of pious Gregory? Verily a great marvel was it that thou didst not even die outside the temple and the incense.

52B.—On the Same

FAVOUR us, ye martyrs! Dear Nonna was not inferior to you in the pains she suffered in secret and open war. Therefore she met with such an end, finishing at once her prayer and her life.

53.—On the Same

THE Trinity for which thou didst long, one light and one majesty, carried thee off, Nonna, from the great church to heaven, and a purer end was thine than the common one. Never, my mother, didst thou join thy pure lips to impure ones, nor thy clean hand to a godless one so far as to join in meals with the heathen. Thou wast rewarded by dying at the place of sacrifice.

54.—On the Same

An angel of dazzling lightness carried thee off, Nonna, whilst thou wert praying here, pure in body and spirit. Part of thee he carried off and part he left in the temple.

55.—On the Same

This temple (it was not allowed to keep the whole of Nonna) only retained her body when her soul departed, so that awaking again she may be taken up on high more purely, her suffering body clothed in glory.

¹ By Sarah he means Nonna, by Abraham his father, by Isaac himself. 425

56.—Είς την αὐτήν

"Αλλοις μεν Νόννης τις άγνων εσθλοίσιν ερίζοι, εύχωλης δε μετροισιν εριζεμεν ου θέμις εστίν τέκμαρ και βιότοιο τέλος λιτησι λυθέντος.

57.-Είς την αὐτήν

*Ω στοναχῶν δακρύων τε καὶ ἐννυχίων μελεδώνων·
δ Νόννης ζαθέης τετρυμένα γυῖα πόνοισι·
ποῦ ποτ' ἔην, νηὸς μόχθων λύσε γῆρας ἄκαμπτον.

58.—Είς την αυτήν

α. Νόννη Φιλτατίου. β. Καὶ ποῦ θάνε; α. Τῷδ΄ ἐνὶ νηῷ.

β. Καὶ πῶς; α. Εὐχομένη. β. Πηνίκα; α. Γηραλέη. β. *Ω καλοῦ βιότοιο καὶ εὐαγέος θανάτοιο.

59.-Είς την αὐτήν

"Αρματι μεν πυρόεντι προς οὐρανον 'Ηλίας ἢλθεν· Νόνναν δ' εὐχομένην πνεῦμ' ὑπέδεκτο μέγα.

60.- Lis την αὐτήν

'Ενθάδε Νόννα φίλη κοιμήσατο τον βαθύν υπνον, τλαος έσπομένη φ πόσι Γρηγορίφ.

61. <Είς την αὐτήν>

Τάρβος όμοῦ καὶ χάρμα· πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἔνθεν ἀέρθη εὐχῆς ἐκ μεσάτης Νόννα λιποῦδα βίον.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 56-61

56.—On the Same

ANOTHER of the saints might vie with the other good works of Nonna; let it be allowed to none to vie with the extent of her prayers. The end of her life which came while she was praying testifies to this.

57 .- On the Same

O GROANS and tears and cares of the night, O limbs of holy Nonna worn with toil! Her unbent old-age was released from trouble by that temple in which she was.

58.—On the Same

A. "Nonna the daughter of Philtatius." B. "And where died she?" A. "In this church." B. "And how?" A. "Praying." B. "When?" A. "In old age." B. "O excellent life and pious death!"

59.—On the Same

ELIAS went to heaven in a fiery chariot, and the Great Spirit took to Itself Nonna while she was praying.

60 .- On the Same

HERE dear Nonna fell into the deep sleep, following gladly her husband Gregory.

61.—On the Same

TERROR and joy together! Hence in the middle of her prayers Nonna quitted this life and was taken up to heaven.

62. <Εἰς τὴν αὐτήν>

Εὐχῆς καὶ βιότου Νόννη τέλος ή δὲ τράπεζα μάρτυς ἀφ' ής ἤρθη ἄπνοος ἐξαπίνης.

63.-Είς τὴν αὐτήν

Νόννης ηρίον εἰμὶ σαόφρονος, ή ρα πύλησιν ἔχριμψ' οὐρανίαις, πρὶν βιότοιο λυθῆ.

64. <Είς την αὐτήν>

Δακρύετε θνητούς, θνητῶν γένος· εἰ δέ τις οὕτως ώς Νόνν' εὐχομένη κάτθανεν, οὐ δακρύω.

65.—Είς τὴν αὐτήν

Νόννης άζόμενος άγνον βίον, άζεο μαλλον και τέλος εν νηφ κάτθανεν εύχομένη.

66. <Εἰς τὴν αὐτήν>

"Ενθα ποτ' εὐχομένη πρηνης θάνε Νόννα φαεινή•
νῦν δ' ἄρ' ἐν εὐσεβέων λίσσεται ἰσταμένη.

67.—Είς την αὐτήν

Στήλη σολ θανάτου μελιηδέος ήδε τράπεζα, Νόννα, παρ' ή λύθης εὐχομένη πύματα.

67Β. <Είς την αὐτήν>

Μικρον έτι ψυχης ην το πνέον άλλ' άρα και το Νόνν άπέδωκε θεφ ένθα ποτ' εύχριμένη.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 62-67B

62.—On the Same

THERE was one end to Nonna's life and prayer. The table from which she was of a sudden taken lifeless testifies to it.

63.—On the Same

I am the tomb of chaste Nonna, who approached the gates of Heaven even while yet alive.

64.—On the Same

YE mortals, weep for mortals, but for one who, like Nonna, died in prayer, I weep not.

65.—On the Same

REVERING Nonna's pure life, revere even more her death. She died in the church while praying.

66.—On the Same

HERE bright Nonna while praying fell prone in death, but now she stands and prays in the home of the blest.

67 .- On the Same

This table is the monument of thy sweet death, Nonna, the table by which, while praying thy last, thou didst die.

67B .- On the Same

Only a little breath had her soul left, but that Nonna, praying here, rendered up to God.

68.-Είς την αὐτήν

Πέμψατε εκ νηοῦ θεοειδέα Νόνναν ἄπαντες, πρέσβειραν μεγάλην πέμψατ' ἀειρομένην.

69. <Εἰς τὴν αὐτήν>

Έκ με θεὸς καθαροῖο πρὸς οὐρανὸν ήρπασε νηοῦ Νόνναν, ἐπειγομένην οὐρανίοις πελάσαι.

70.-Είς τὴν αὐτήν

Νόνν' ἀπανισταμένη νηοῦ μεγάλου τόδ' ἔειπε·
"Τῶν πολλῶν καμάτων μείζονα μισθὸν ἔχω."

71. <Είς την αὐτήν>

Νόννα φίλης εὐχης ἱερήϊον ἐνθάδε κεῖται· Νόννα ποτ' εὐχομένη τῆδ' ἐλύθη βιότου.

72.—Είς την αὐτήν

Ένθα ποτ' εὐχομένης ψυχὴ δέμας ἔλλιπε Νόννης· ἔνθεν ἀνηέρθη Νόννα λιποῦσα δέμας.

73.-Είς τὴν αὐτήν

Εκ νηοῦ μεγάλοιο θύος μεγα Νόνν' ἀπανέστη· νηῷ Νόνν' ἐλύθη· χαίρετε, εὐσεβέες.

74. <Είς τὴν αὐτήν>

"Ηδε τράπεζα θεφ θεοειδέα Νόνναν ἔπεμψεν. 430

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 68-74

68.—On the Same

Escort divine Nonna from the church, all ye people, escort the grand old woman raised on high.

69.-On the Same

Gop from his pure temple took to heaven Nonna eager to join the heavenly ones.

70.—On the Same

Nonna rising from the great church said "I have a reward greater than all my many labours."

71.—On the Same

HERE lies Nonna, victim of a pure prayer. Here Nonna while praying was released from life.

72.—On the Same

HERE Nonna's soul left her body while she was praying. Hence Nonna leaving her body was taken up.

73.—On the Same

Nonna rose, a great sacrifice, from the great church. In the church Nonna died. Rejoice all ye pious.

74.—On the Same

This alter sent God-like Nonna to God.

75.—Εύχὴ παρὰ τῶν γονέων εἰς τὸν μέγαν Γρηγόριον Εἴη σοὶ βίος ἐσθλὸς ἐπ' εὐλογίησιν ἀπάσαις ὁσσάτιαι τοκέων υἰέσι γηροκόμοις· καὶ κούφης βιότοιο τυχεῖν ὁσίης τε τελευτῆς, οἵην ἡμετέρω γήραϊ δῶκεν ἄναξ, ἡῖθέων λογίων τὸ μέγα κράτος, ἦδ' ἱερήων, καὶ πολιῆς σκίπων, Γρηγόρι', ἡμετέρης.

76.-Παρὰ τῶν γονέων

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'Ασπάσιοι χθόνα τήνδε φίλαις ὑπὸ χείρεσι παιδὸς εσσάμεθ' εὐσεβέος Γρηγορίου τοκέες· δς καὶ γῆρας ἔθηκεν ἑοῖς μόχθοισιν ἔλαφρὸν ήμέτερον, καὶ νῦν ἀμφιέπει θυσίαις. ἄμπνεε γηροκόμων καμάτων, μέγα φέρτατε παίδων 5 Γρηγόρι', εὐαγέας Μάρτυσι παρθέμενος σοὺς τοκέας· μισθὸς δὲ μέγαν πατέρ' ίλαον εἶναι, πνευματικῶν τε τυχεῖν εὐσεβέων τεκέων.

77.-Είς τὸν πάντων αὐτῶν τάφον

Λᾶας ὁ μὲν γενέτην τε καὶ υίέα κυδήεντας κεύθω Γρηγορίους, εἶς λίθος ἶσα φάη, ἀμφοτέρους ἱερῆας· ὁ δ' εὐπατέρειαν ἐδέγμην Νόνναν σὺν μεγάλω υίέι Καισαρίω. τὸς ἐδάσαντο τάφους τε καὶ υίέας· ἡ δὲ πορείη, πάντες ἄνω· ζωῆς εἶς πόθος οὐρανίης.

78.—Τίς πρώτος καὶ τίς μετέπειτα ἀπηρε

Πρῶτος Καισάριος ξυνὸν ἄχος· αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα Γοργόνιον, μετέπειτα πατὴρ φίλος· οὐ μετὰ δηρὸν μήτηρ. Το λυπρὴ παλάμη καὶ γράμματα λυπρὰ Γρηγορίου· γράψω καὶ ἐμὸν μόρον δστατίου περ.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 75-78

75.—Prayer of his Parents for Gregory the Great

GREGORY, great champion of the learned youth and of the priesthood, staff of our grey years, may thy life be happy and enjoy all the blessings which fall to sons who tend their parents' old age and mayst thou meet with an easy and holy end, even as the Lord gave to our many years.

76.—Similar

By the dear hands of our son, the pious Gregory, we are clothed in this welcome earth. He it was also who lightened our old age by his toil, and now tends us with sacrifices. Gregory, best of sons, repose from thy labour of tending our old age, now that thou hast laid thy pious parents beside the martyrs. Thy reward is to be thyself a great and kind father and to have pious spiritual children.

77.—On the tomb of all of them

ONE stone encloses the renowned Gregories, father and son, two equal lights, both of them priests, the other received noble Nonna with her great son Caesarius. So they separated their tombs and sons, but the journey of all is on high; one desire of eternal life fills all.

78.—Who first and who last departed this life

First died Caesarius, a grief to all, next Gorgonion, then their beloved father and not long after their mother. O mournful hand and mournful writing of Gregory! But I will write my own death also, although I am the last to die.

79.-Είς ξαυτόν

Πρῶτα μὲν εὐξαμένη με θεὸς πόρε μητρὶ φαεινῆ· δεύτερον, ἐκ μητρὸς δῶρον ἔδεκτο φίλον· τὸ τρίτον αὖ, θνήσκοντά μ᾽ ἀγνὴ ἐσάωσε τράπεζα· τέτρατον, ἀμφήκη μῦθον ἔδωκε Λόγος· πέμπτον, Παρθενίη με φίλοις προσπτύξατ' ὀνείροις· δ ἔκτον, Βασιλίω σύμπνοα ἰρὰ φέρον· ἔβδομον, ἐκ βυθίων με φερέσβιος ἤρπασε κόλπων· ὀγδοον εὖ νούσοις ἐξεκάθηρα χέρας· εἴνατον ὁπλοτέρη Τριάδ' ἤγαγον, ὦ ἄνα, 'Ρώμη· βέβλημαι δέκατον λάεσιν ἦδὲ φίλοις.

80.-Είς έαυτόν

Έλλὰς ἐμή, νεότης τε φίλη, καὶ ὅσσα πεπάσμην, καὶ δέμας, ὡς Χριστῷ εἴξατε προφρονέως. εἰ δ΄ ἱερῆα φίλον με θεῷ θέτο μητέρος εὐχὴ καὶ πατρὸς παλάμη, τίς φθόνος; ἀλλά, μάκαρ, σοῖς με, Χριστέ, χοροῖσι δέχου, καὶ κῦδος ὀπάζοις υἰέῖ Γρηγορίου σῷ λάτρι Γρηγορίω.

81.— Έπὶ τῷ ἰδίφ τάφφ

Γρηγορίου Νόννης τε φίλον τέκος ενθάδε κείται της ίερης Τριάδος Γρηγόριος θεράπων, καὶ σοφίη σοφίης δεδραγμένος, ηίθεος τε οίον πλοῦτον έχων ελπίδ' επουρανίην.

82.-Είς ἐαυτόν

Τυτθον έτι ζώεσκες επί χθονί, πάντα δε Χριστῷ δῶκας εκών, σὺν τοῖς καὶ πτερόεντα λόγον νῦν δ' ἱερῆα μέγαν σε καὶ οὐρανίοιο χορείης οὐρανὸς εντὸς έχει, κύδιμε Γρηγόριε.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 79-82

79.—On Himselt

FIRSTLY God gave me to my glorious mother in answer to her prayers; secondly, He received me a welcome gift from her; thirdly, the holy table saved me from death: fourthly, the Word gave me twoedged speech; 1 fifthly, Virginity enfolded me in her dear dreams; sixthly, I entered the priesthood in union with Basil; seventhly, my father saved me from the deep; eighthly, I cleansed well my hands by disease (sic); ninthly, I brought the doctrine of the Trinity, O my Lord, to New Rome; 2 tenthly, I was smitten by stones and by friends (sic).

80.—On Himself

My Greece, my dear youth, my possessions, my body, how gladly ye yielded to Christ! If my mother's vow and my father's hand made me a priest acceptable to God, why grudge me this? Blessed Christ receive me in thy choirs and give glory to the servant Gregory son of Gregory.

81.—On his own Tomb

HERE lies Gregory, the dear child of Gregory and Nonna, the servant of the Holy Trinity, who grasped wisdom by wisdom and as a youth had no riches but the hope of heaven.

82.—On Himself

A SHORT time didst thou dwell on earth, but didst freely give all to Christ, the winged word too. But now, glorious Gregory, heaven holds thee a high priest in the celestial choir.

i.e. sacred and profane. Constantinople.

83.-Είς ξαυτόν

Έκ με βρέφους ἐκάλεσσε θεὸς νυχίοισιν ὀνείροις·
ἤλυθον ἐς σοφίης πείρατα, σάρκα λόγφ
ἤγνισα καὶ κραδίην· κόσμου φλόγα γυμνὸς ἀλύξας,
ἔστην σὺν ᾿Ααρὼν Γρηγορίφ γενέτη.

84.-Είς ξαυτόν

Πατρὸς ἐγὰ ζαθέοιο καὶ οὔνομα καὶ θρόνον ἔσχον, καὶ τάφον· ἀλλά, φίλος, μνώεο Γρηγορίου, Γρηγορίου, τὸν μητρὶ θεόσδοτον ὤπασε Χριστὸς φάσμασιν ἐννυχίοις, δῶκε δ' ἔρον σοφίης.

85.—Εἰς Καισάριον τὸν ἐαυτοῦ ἀδελφόν Σχέτλιός ἐστιν ὁ τύμβος. ἔγωγε μὲν οὔποτ' ἐώλπειν, ὥς ἡα κατακρύψει τοὺς πυμάτους προτέρους αὐτὰρ δ Καισάριον, ἐρικυδέα υἶα τοκήων, τῶν προτέρων πρότερον δέξατο· ποία δίκη;

85Β.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Οὐκ ἔσθ' ὁ τύμβος αἴτιος· μὴ λοιδόρει. φθόνου τόδ' ἐστὶν ἔργον· πῶς δ' ἤνεγκεν ἂν νέον γερόντων εἰσορῶν σοφώτερον;

86.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Γρηγόριε, θνητῶν μὲν ὑπείροχον ἔλλαχες υἶα κάλλεϊ καὶ σοφίη, καὶ βασιληϊ φίλον· κρείσσονα δ' οὐκέτι πάμπαν ἀπηλεγέος θανάτοιο. ἡ μὴν ἀιζόμην· ἀλλὰ τί φησὶ τάφος; "Τέτλαθι· Καισάριος μὲν ἀπέφθιτο· ἀλλὰ μέγιστον το υίέος εὐχος ἔχεις, υἱέος ἀντὶ φίλου."

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 83-86

83.—On Himself

God called me by dreams of the night from my childhood: I reached the limits of wisdom, I sanctified my flesh and heart by reason. Naked I escaped from the fire of the world and stood with Aaron my father Gregory.

84.—On Himself

MINE were the name, the throne, and the tomb of my holy father; but, friend, remember Gregory, whom Christ granted, a gift from God, in visions of the night to his mother, and to whom He gave the love of wisdom.

85.—On Caesarius his Brother

THE tomb is wicked. Never did I believe that it would cover the last first. But it received Caesazius, his parents' distinguished son, before his elders. What justice!

85B.—On the Same

It is not the tomb's fault. Rebuke it not. This is the work of envy. How could envy have supported seeing a young man wiser than the old.

86 .- On the Same

GREGORY, thou hadst a son, most excellent among mortals in beauty and wisdom and beloved by the Emperor; yet not stronger than ruthless death. I deemed it might be so indeed; but what saith the tomb? "Bear it. Caesarius is dead, but instead of your dear son you have great glory of his memory."

1 i.e. promised.

87.—Εἰς τοὺς γονεῖς τοῦ μεγάλου Γρηγορίου καὶ Καισαρίου

Πριοι εἰς τάφον ἢμεν, ὅτ' ἐνθάδε τοῦτον ἔθηκαν λᾶαν ἐφ' ἡμετέρφ γήραϊ λαοτόμοι· ἀλλ' ἡμῖν μὲν ἔθηκαν· ἔχει δέ μιν οὐ κατὰ κόσμον Καισάριος, τεκέων ἡμετέρων πύματος. ἔτλημεν πανάποτμα, τέκος, τέκος· ἀλλὰ τάχιστα δ δέξαι ἐς ὑμέτερον τύμβον ἐπειγομένους.

88.-Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Καισάριον

Τόνδε λίθον τοκέες μὲν έὸν τάφον ἐστήσαντο, ἐλπόμενοι ζωῆς μοῖραν ἔχειν ὀλίγην Καισαρίω δ' υίηϊ πικρὴν χάριν οὐκ ἐθέλοντες δῶκαν, ἐπεὶ πρότερος τοῦδε λύθη βιότου.

89.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Γῆρας ἐμὸν δήθυνεν ἐπὶ χθονί· ἀντὶ δὲ πατρὸς
λᾶαν ἔχεις, τεκέων φίλτατε, Καισάριε.
τίς νόμος; οἴα δίκη; θνητῶν ἄνα, πῶς τόδ' ἔνευσας;
δ μακροῦ βιότου, διταχέος θανάτου.

90.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Οὖκ ἄγαμ', οὖκ ἄγαμαι δῶρον τόδε· τύμβον ἐδέξω μοῦνον ἀφ' ἡμετέρων, Καισάριε, κτεάνων, γηραλέων τοκέων πικρὸν λίθον· ὁ φθόνος οὕτως ἤθελεν. ὡ ζωῆς πήμασι μακροτέρης.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 87-90

87.—On the Parents of Gregory and Caesarius

We were ripe for the tomb, when the stonecutters laid this stone here for our old age. But they laid it for us, and Caesarius, the last of our children, occupies it, not as was meet. My child, my child, we have suffered the greatest of misfortunes, but as soon as may be receive in thy tomb us who hasten to depart.

88.—On Caesarius

This stone was erected to be their own sepulchre by the parents who expected that they had but a small portion of life over; but against their will they did a sad favour to their son Caesarius, since he departed this life before them.

89.—On the Same

My old age lingered long on earth, and thou dearest of sons, Caesarius, occupiest the stone tomb in thy father's place. What law is this, what justice? Lord of mortals, how didst thou consent thereto? O long life, O early death!

90 .- On the Same

I no not esteem, I do not esteem this gift. Of all my possessions, Caesarius, thou hast got but a tomb, the melancholy stone tomb of thy old parents. Thus did envy will. O for our life rendered longer by sorrows

91.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Πᾶσαν ὅση σοφίη λεπτῆς φρενὸς ἐν μερόπεσσιν ἀμφὶ γεωμετρίην καὶ θέσιν οὐρανίων.

καὶ λογικῆς τέχνης τὰ παλαίσματα, γραμματικήν τε ήδ' ἰητορίην, ρητορικῆς τε μένος,

Καισάριος πτερόωντι νόφ μοῦνος καταμάρψας, αλαι πασιν όμως νῦν κόνις ἐστ' ὀλίγη.

92.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Πάντα κασιγνήτοισιν έοις λίπες· ἀντὶ δὲ πάντων τύμβον ἔχεις ὀλίγον, κύδιμε Καισάριε· ἡ δὲ γεωμετρίη τε, καὶ ἀστέρες ὧν θέσιν ἔγνως, ἤ τ' ἰητορίη οὐδὲν ἄκος θανάτου.

93.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Κάλλιμου εκ πατρίης σε μεγακλέα τηλόθ' εόντα, ἄκρα φέροντα πάσης, Καισάριε, σοφίης, πέμψαντες βασιληϊ τον έξοχου ἰητήρωυ, φεῦ, κόνιν εκ Βιθυνῶν δεξάμεθ' αὐ σε πέδου.

94.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Σεισμῶν μὲν κρυερῶν ἔφυγες στονόεσσαν ἀπειλήν, ήνίκα Νικαίης ἄστυ μίγη δαπέδω νούσω δ' ἀργαλέη ζωὴν•λίπες. ἃ νεότητος σώφρονος, ἃ σοφίης, κάλλιμε Καισάριε.

95.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Γρηγορίου Νόννης τε θεουδέος υἶα φέριστον τύμβος ὄδ εὐγενέτην Καισάριον κατέχω, ἔξοχον ἐν λογίοισιν, ὑπείροχον ἐν βασιλῆοις, ἀστεροπὴν γαίης πείρασι λαμπομένην.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 91-95

91.—On the Same

CAESARIUS, who alone by his winged mind grasped the whole wisdom of man's subtle thought concerning geometry and the position of the heavenly bodies, and also the falls of the art of Logic, and Grammar too and Medicine and powerful Rhetoric, is now, alas! like all the rest, a handful of dust.

92.—On the Same

Thou didst leave all to thy brothers, noble Caesarius, and in place of all thou hast a little tomb. Geometry and the Stars whose positions thou knewest, and Medicine were no cure for death.

93.—On the Same

BEAUTIFUL Caesarius, widely famous, who hadst attained to the height of all wisdom, we sent thee, the first of physicians from thy country to the King, but received only thy ashes back from the Bithynian land.

94.—On the Same

Thou escapedst the roaring menace of the cruel earthquake when Nicaea was levelled with the ground, and didst perish by painful disease. O for thy chaste youth, and thy wisdom, lovely Caesarius!

95 .- On the Same

This tomb holds noble Caesarius, the best son of Gregory and divine Nonna. He was excellent among the learned and of highest station at Court, flashing like lightning to the ends of the earth.

96.-Είς τὸν αὐτόι

Καισαρίου φθιμένοιο κατήφησαν βασιλήος αὐλαί, Καππαδόκαι δ' ήμυσαν έξαπίνης καὶ καλὸν εἴ τι λέλειπτο μετ' ἀνθρώποισιν ὅλωλεν, οἱ δὲ λόγοι σιγῆς ἀμφεβάλοντο νέφος.

97.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Εἴ τινα δένδρον ἔθηκε γόος, καὶ εἴ τινα πέτρην, εἴ τις καὶ πηγὴ ρεῦσεν όδυρομένη, πέτραι καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ δένδρεα λυπρὰ πέλοισθε, πάντες Καισαρίφ γείτονες ἢδὲ φίλοι· Καισάριος πάντεσσι τετιμένος, εὖχος ἀνάκτων, (αἰαῖ τῶν ἀχέων) ἤλυθεν εἰς ἀἴδην.

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98.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Χεὶρ τάδε Γρηγορίοιο· κάσιν ποθέων τὸν ἄριστον, κηρύσσω θνητοῖς τόνδε βίον στυγέειν.
Καισαρίω τίς κάλλος όμοίῖος; ἢ τίς ἀπάντων τόσσος ἐων τόσσης εἶλε κλέος σοφίης; οὔτις ἐπιχθονίων· ἀλλ' ἔπτατο ἐκ βιότοιο ὡς ῥόδον ἐξ ἀνθέων, ὡς δρόσος ἐκ πετάλων.

99.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Γείτουες εὐμενέοιτε καὶ ἐν κόλποισι δέχοισθε, Μάρτυρες, ὑμετέροις αἶμα τὸ Γρηγορίου, Γρηγορίου Νόννης τε μεγακλέος, εὐσεβίη τε καὶ τύμβοις ἱεροῖς εἰς ἐν ἀγειρομένους.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 96-99

96.—On the Same

WHEN Caesarius died the Emperor's court was dejected and all Cappadocia bent her head straightway. If aught of good was left among men, it is gone, and learning is clouded in silence.

97.—On the Same

Ir mourning made any one into a tree or a stone, if any spring ever flowed as the result of lament, lall Caesarius' friends and neighbours should be stones, rivers and mournful trees. Caesarius, honoured by all, the vaunt of princes (alas for our grief!) is gone to Hades.

98.—On the Same

This is the hand of Gregory. Regretting my best of brothers, I proclaim to mortals to hate this life. Who was like Caesarius in beauty, or who was so great and so celebrated for wisdom? None among mortals; but he took wing from life, like a rose from the flowers, like dew from the leaves.

99.—On the Same

YE neighbour martyrs, be kind and receive in your bosom the blood ² of Gregory, of Gregory and famous Nonna, gathered together by their piety in this holy tomb.

1 The allusions are to Niobe, to the daughters of Phaethon and to Byblis.
2 Presumably the children.

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100.—Είς τὸν αὐτὸν καὶ είς Φιλάγριον

Κλῦθι, 'Αλεξάνδρεια· Φιλάγριος ὅλεσε μορφὴν τῆς λογικῆς ψυχῆς οὕτι χερειοτέρην, Καισάριον δὲ νέον φθόνος ἥρπασεν· οὕποτε τοῖα πέμψεις εὐίπποις ἄνθεα Καππαδόκαις.

101.—Εὶς Γοργόνιον τὴν ἐαυτοῦ ἀδελφήν Γρηγορίου Νόννης τε φίλον τέκος ἐνθάδε κεῖμαι Γοργόνιον, ζωῆς μύστις ἐπουρανίης.

102.—Είς Γοργόνιον

Οὐδὲν Γοργόνιον γαίη λίπεν, ὀστέα μοῦνα· πάντα δ' ἔθηκεν ἄνω, Μάρτυρες ἀθλοφόροι.

103.—Εἰς τὴν αὐτὴν καὶ εἰς 'Αλύπιον τὸν αὐτῆς ἄνδρα Κτῆσιν έὴν σάρκας τε καὶ ὀστέα πάντ' ἀναθεῖσα Γοργόνιον Χριστῷ, μοῦνον ἀφῆκε πόσιν οὐ μὰν οὐδὲ πόσιν δηρὸν χρόνον ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ τὸν ἤρπασει ἐξαπίνης κύδιμον 'Αλύπιον. ὅλβιε ὀλβιστης ἀλόχου πόσι τοῦς ρα λοετροῖς λύματ' ἀπωσάμενοι ζῆτε παλιγγενέες.

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104.— Ἐπιτάφιον εἰς Μαρτινιανόν
Εἴ τις Τάνταλός ἐστιθ ἐν ὕδασιν αὖος ἀπίστοις,
εἴ τις ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς πέτρος ἀεὶ φοβέων,
δαπτόμενόν τ' ὅρνισιν ἀγήραον ἦπαρ ἀλιτροῦ,
καὶ πυρόεις ποταμός, καὶ ζόφος ἀθάνατος,
ταρτάρεοί τε μυχοὶ καὶ δαίμονες ἀγριόθυμοι,
ἄλλαι τε φθιμένων τίσιες εἰν ἀίδι·
ὅστις Μαρτινιανὸν ἀγὰκλέα δηλήσαιτο
τύμβον ἀνοχλίζων, δείματα πάντα φέροι.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 100-104

100.—On the Same and Philagrius

LISTEN, Alexandria, Philagrius has lost his beauty, a beauty not inferior to his rational soul, and envy hath carried off Caesarius yet in his youth. Never again shalt thou send such flowers to Cappadocia, the land of beautiful horses.

101.—On his Sister Gorgonion

HERE I lie Gorgonion the dear child of Gregory and Nonna, a partaker in the mysteries of life eternal.

102.—On the Same

YE triumphant martyrs, Gorgonion left naught but her bones on earth. She dedicated all on high.

103.—On the Same and her Husband Alypius

Gorgonion having dedicated to Christ her possessions, her flesh, her bones, and everything, left her husband alone, yet not for long, but Christ carried off suddenly glorious Alypius too. Happy husband of a most happy wife, ye live born again, having washed off all filth in the baptismal bath.

104.—On Martinianus

If there be any Tantalus dry-throated in the deceitful waters, if any rock above his head ever frightening him, if any imperishable liver of a sinner that is a feast for birds, if there be a fiery river and eternal darkness and depths of Tartarus and savage demons, and other punishments of the dead in Hades, may whoever injures renowned Martinianus by disturbing his tomb, suffer every terror.

105.-Κατά τυμβωρύχου

Οὔρεά σοι καὶ πόντος, ἀτάσθαλε, καὶ πεδίοισι τέρπη πυροφόροις τετραπόδων τ' ἀγέλαις· καὶ χρυσοῖο τάλαντα καὶ ἄργυρος, εὐγενέες τε λᾶες καὶ σηρῶν νήματα λεπταλέα, πάντα βίος ζωοῖσι· λίθοι δ' ὀλίγοι τε φίλοι τε τοῖς φθιμένοις. σὰ δέ μοι κἀνθάδε χεῖρα φέρεις, οὐδὲ σὸν αἰδόμενος, τλῆμον, τάφον, ὅν τις ὀλέσσει ἄλλος σοῖσι νόμοις, χερσὶ δικαιοτέραις.

106.—Είς Μαρτινιανόν

'Ηνίκα Μαρτινιανὸς ἔδυ χθόνα, μητέρα πάντων, πασα μὲν Αὐσονίων ἐστονάχησε πόλις πασα δὲ Σικανίη τε, καὶ εὐρέα πείρατα γαίης κείρατ', ἀπ' ἀνθρώπων οἰχομένης Θέμιδος. ἡμεῖς δ' ἀντί νυ σεῖο τάφον μέγαν ἀμφιέποντες, αἰὲν ἐπερχομένοις δώσομεν ὧς τι σέβας.

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107.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Οἱ Χριστὸν φορέοντες ἀκούσατε, οἴ τε θέμιστας εἰδότες ἡμερίων καὶ φθιμένων ὁσίην πάντα λιπών, βασιλῆα, πάτρην, γένος, εὐχος ὑπάρχων, αἰαῖ, πᾶσιν ὁμῶς νῦν κόνις εἴμ' ὀλίγη, Μαρτινιανὸς πᾶσι τετιμένος ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τύμβφ βάλλειν ἡμετέρφ δάκρυα, μὴ παλάμας.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 105-107

105 .- Against the Violator of a Tomb 1

Improves man, thou hast the sea and the mountains and rejoicest in possession of fields rich in corn and herds of cattle, yea and talents of gold and silver and precious stones and the silk-worm's delicate threads. To the living everything is valuable, but to the dead only their little but beloved grave-stones; and thou layest hold of them too, not even reverencing thine own tomb, which some other will destroy after thy example, but with juster hands.

106.—On Martinianus

WHEN Martinianus went under Earth the mother of all, every city in Italy groaned and all Sicily and the broad boundaries of the land shore the head, for Themis had departed from among mortals. But we, tending on thy great tomb instead of thee, will hand it on an object of reverence to future generations.

107 .- On the Same

LISTEN, ye who bear Christ, and ye who know the laws of living men and the respect due to the dead. Leaving all, King, country, family, I Martinianus, honoured by all, the pride of Prefects, am now, alas, like all mankind, but a handful of dust. But on my tomb shed tears and lay not hands on it.

¹ As all the epitaphs on Martinianus imply that his tomb was in danger of violation, this one is probably likewise meant for him.

108.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Μουσοπόλον, ρητήρα, δικασπόλον, ἄκρον ἄπαντα, τύμβος ὅδ' εὐγενέτην Μαρτινιανὸν ἔχω, ναύμαχον ἐν πελάγεσσιν, ἀρήϊον ἐν πεδίοισιν ἀλλ' ἀποτήλε τάφου, πρίν τι κακὸν παθέειν.

109.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Μή πόλεμον φθιμένοισιν—ἄλις ζώοντες, άλιτροί—
μή πόλεμον φθιμένοις: Μαρτινιανός έγὼ
ταῦτα πάσιν ζώοις ἐπιτέλλομαι. οὐ θέμις ἐστὶν
τῶν ὀλίγων φθονέειν τοῖς φθιμένοισι λίθων.

110.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

 Ω Θέμι, τῆς πολλοῖσιν ἐγὼ νώμησα τάλαντα ὧ φοβεραὶ ψυχῶν μάστιγες οὐχ ὁσίων·
 οὖτος ἐμοῖσι λίθοισι φέρει στονόεντα σίδηρον·
 οὖτος ἐμοί. φεῦ, φεῦ· ποῦ δὲ λίθος Σισύφου;

111.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Όλβιος, εὐγήρως, ἄνοσος θάνον, ἐν βασιλῆος πρῶτα φέρων, ἱερῆς ἄκρον ἔχων σοφίης· εἴ τινα Μαρτινιανὸν ἀκούετε· ἀλλ' ἀπὸ τύμβου, μηδὲ φέρειν ἐπ' ἐμιλ δυσμενέας παλάμας.

112.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Χάζεο, χάζεο τήλε· κακου του ἄεθλου ἐγείρεις, λᾶας ἀνοχλίζων καὶ τάφου ήμέτερου χάζεο· Μαρτινιανὸς ἐγώ, καὶ ζῶσιν ὅνειαρ καὶ νέκυς οὐκ ὀλίγου ἐνθάδε κάρτος ἔχω.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 108-112

108 .- On the Same

This tomb holds noble Martinianus, an orator, a judge, excelling in everything, a brave warrior at sea, valiant on land. But keep far from his tomb, lest thou suffer some evil.¹

109.—On the Same

WAR not with the dead (the living are enough for you, ye evil-doers), war not with the dead. This I enjoin on all men. It is not right to grudge the dead their little stones.

110.—On the Same

O THEMIS, in whose scales I weighed justice for many, O dread scourgers of impious souls! This man attacks my grave-stones with wretched iron, this man dares do this to me! Alas! Alas! where is Sisyphus' rock?²

111.—On the Same

BLESSED, in ripe old age, without disease I died. Heard ye never of Martinianus of high rank in the palace, supreme in sacred wisdom? But away from my tomb and lay not hostile hands on me.

112.—On the Same

Away, far away! It is an evil exploit ye attempt, heaving up the stones of my tomb. Away! I am Martinianus. The living I benefited and here dead I have no little power.

¹ He is addressing the man who contemplates violating the tomb. See Homer, Odyss. xi. 593.

113.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Καππαδοκῶν μέγ' ἄεισμα, φαάντατε Μαρτινιανέ, σεῖο, βροτῶν γενεή, καὶ τάφον αἰδόμεθα: ὅς ποτ' ἔης βασιλῆος ἐν ἔρκεσι κάρτος ὑπάρχων, δουρὶ δὲ Σικανίην κτήσαο καὶ Λιβύην.

114.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

"Ομνυμεν άθανάτοιο θεοῦ κράτος ὑψιμέδοντος, καὶ ψυχὰς νεκύων, κύδιμε, σήν τε κόνιν, μήποτε, Μαρτινιανέ, τεοῖς ἐπὶ χεῖρας ἐνέγκαι στήλη καὶ τύμβφ: οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐδὶ ίεροῖς.

115.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Ρώμη καὶ βασιλῆες ἐμοὶ καὶ πείρατα γαίης στῆλαι Μαρτινιανῷ, τὰς χρόνος οὐ δαμάσει ἀλλ' ἔμπης ὀλίγῳ περιδείδια, μή τι πάθησι, τῷδε τάφῳ· πολλῶν οὐχ ὁσίαι παλάμαι.

116.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Μαρτινιανοῦ σῆμα μεγακλέος, εἴ τιν' ἀκούεις Καππαδοκῶν Ῥώμης πρόθρονον εὐγενέων, παντοίαις ἀρετῆσι κεκασμένον, ἀλλὰ κόνιν περ άζόμενοι στήλην καὶ τάφον ἀμφιέπειν.

117.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Οὔποτ' ἐγὰ φθιμένοισιν ἐπέχραον, οὐδ' ἀπὸ τύμβων ἔργον ἔγειρα, δίκην ὅμνυμι καὶ φθιμένους τοῦνεκα μηδ' ἐπ' ἐμοῖσι φέρειν λάεσσι σίδηρον εἰ δὲ φέροις, τὴν σὴν ἐς κεφαλὴν πεσέτω.
Μαρτινιανὸς ἐγὰ τάδε λίσσομαι εἴ τις ἐμεῖο 5 κύδεός ἐστι χάρις, τύμβος ἀεὶ μενέτω.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 113-117

113.—On the Same

Most distinguished Martinianus, great vaunt of Cappadocia, we mortals reverence thy tomb too, who wert once in the King's citadel, strong among Prefects, and didst conquer Sicily and Libya by thy arms.

114.—On the Same

WE swear, famous Martinianus, by the power of eternal God who ruleth on high and by the souls of the dead and thy dust, that we will never lay hands on thy monument and tomb. We never indeed lay hands on holy things.

115.—On the Same

Rome 1 and my princes and the limits of the earth are the monuments of Martinianus which time shall not destroy. But yet I fear lest this little tomb may meet with some evil. Many have impious hands.

116 .- On the Same

The tomb of renowned Martinianus. Heard ye never of the president of the noble Cappadocians in Rome, adorned with every virtue? But reverence even his dust and tend his monument and tomb.

117 .- On the Same

I NEVER insulted the dead or used tomb-stones for building, I swear by justice and the dead. Therefore bring no more iron to attack my stones, or if thou dost, let it fall on thy own head. It is I, Martinianus, who request this. If there be any gratitude for my glory, let my tomb remain for ever.

i.e. Constantinople, here and below.

118.—Εἰς Λιβίαν τὴν γαμετὴν 'Αμφιλόχοι
Εἰς δόμος, ἀλλ' ὑπένερθε τάφος, καθύπερθε δὲ σηκός·
τύμβος δειμαμένοις, σηκὸς ἀεθλοφόροις·
καί ρ' οἱ μὲν γλυκερὴν ἤδη κόνιν ἀμφεβάλοντο
ὡς σὰ μάκαιρα δάμαρ 'Αμφιλόχου, Λιβίη,
κάλλιμέ θ' υἰήων, Εὐφήμιε· τούσδ' ὑπόδεχθε,
μάρτυρες ἀτρεκίης, τοὺς ἔτι λειπομένους.

119.-Είς την αὐτήν

'Ωφελες, & Λιβία, ζώειν τεκέεσσι φίλοισιν·
 ώφελες ἄχρι πύλης γήραος ἐμπελάσαι·
 νῦν δέ σε μοῖρ' ἐδάμασσεν ἀώριον, εἰσέτι καλήν,
 εἰσέτι κουριδίοις ἄνθεσι λαμπομένην.
 αἰαῖ· 'Αμφίλοχος δὲ τεὸς πόσις ἀντὶ δάμαρτος
 ἐσθλῆς καὶ πινυτῆς τλήμονα τύμβον ἔχει.

120.-Είς την αὐτην Λιβίαν

Αλαί· καλ Λιβίαν κατέχει κόνις. οὔποτ' ἔγωγε ἀισάμην θνητὴν ἔμμεναι, εἰσορόων εἰδος, μειλιχίην τε σαοφροσύνην τε γυναικός, τοῖς φῦλον πασέων καίνυτο θηλυτέρων τοὔνεκα καὶ τοίφ σε τάφω κύδηνε θανοῦσαν σῶν τε τριὰς τεκέων καὶ πόσις ᾿Αμφίλοχος.

121.—Εἰς Εὐφήμιον καὶ ᾿Αμφίλοχον αὐταδέλφους Ἡν δυὰς ἢν ἱερή, ψυχὴ μία, σώματα δισσά, πάντα κασιγνήτω, αἶμα, κλέος, σοφίην, υἰέες ᾿Αμφιλόχου, Εὐφήμιος ᾿Αμφίλοχός τε, πᾶσιν Καππαδόκαις ἀστέρες ἐκφανέες. δεινὸν δ᾽ ἀμφοτέρους, φθόνος ἔδρακε· τὸν μὲν ἄμερσε ζωῆς, τὸν δ᾽ ἔλιπεν ἤμισυν ᾿Αμφίλοχον.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 118-121

118 .- On Livia, the Wife of Amphilochus

The building is one, but beneath is a tomb, above a chapel, the tomb for the builders, the chapel for the triumphant martyrs. And some of the builders have already put on sweet dust, like thee, Livia, blessed wife of Amphilochus, and thee, Euphemius loveliest of her sons. But, ye martyrs of truth, receive those who still survive.

119 .- On the Same

Thou shouldest have lived for thy dear children, Livia, thou shouldest have reached the gate of old age, but now Fate has overcome thee before thy time, still beautiful, still shining with the flower of youth. Alas! thy husband Amphilochus in place of a good and wise wife has but a wretched tomb.

120.—On the Same

ALAS! the earth holds Livia too. Never could I believe her to be mortal, when I looked on her beauty, her sweetness, her chastity, in all of which she surpassed the rest of her sex. Therefore on thy death thou hast been honoured by such a tomb at the hands of thy three children and thy husband Amphilochus.

121.—On the Brothers Euphemius and Amphilochus

It was a holy pair, one soul in two bodies, brothers in everything, blood, fame, wisdom, the sons of Amphilochus, Euphemius and Amphilochus, conspicuous in the eyes of all Cappadocia. But Envy cast a terrible glance on both and depriving one of life, left Amphilochus, but half himself, behind.

¹ i.e. may they be buried in the same blessed place.

122.-Είς Εὐφήμιον

'Ρήτωρ ἐν ἡητῆρσιν, ἀοιδοπόλος δ' ἐν ἀοιδοῖς, κῦδος ἑῆς πάτρης, κῦδος ἑῶν τοκέων, ἄρτι γενειάσκων Εὐφήμιος, ἄρτι δ' ἔρωτας ἐς θαλάμους καλέων, ἄλετο· φεῦ παθέων ἀντὶ δὲ παρθενικῆς τύμβον λάχεν, ἤδ' ὑμεναίων ἤματα νυμφιδίων ἦμαρ ἐπῆλθε γόων.

123.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

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Εἰκοσέτης πάσαν Εὐφήμιος, ώς μίαν οὔτις, Έλλάδα κ' Αὐσονίην μοῦσαν ἐφιπτάμενος, στράπτων ἀγλαΐη τε καὶ ἤθεσιν ἦλθ' ὑπὸ γαῖαν. αἰαῖ· τῶν ἀγαθῶν ὡς μόρος ὧκύτερος.

124.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Χρυσείης γενεής Εὐφήμιος ἢν ἔτι τυτθὸν λείψανον, εὐγενέτης ἤθεα καὶ πραπίδας, μείλιχος, ἡδυεπής, εἶδος Χαρίτεσσιν ὁμοῖος· τοὖνεκα καὶ θνητοῖς οὐκ ἐπὶ δὴν ἐμίγη.

125.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Στράψε μέγ ἀνθρώποις Εὐφήμιος, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τυτθόν καὶ γὰρ καὶ στεροπῆς οὐ μακρόν ἐστι σέλας στράψεν ὁμοῦ σοφίῃ τε καὶ εἴδεϊ καὶ πραπίδεσσιν τὰ πρὶν Καππαδόκαις ἢν κλέα, νῦν δὲ γόος.

126.-Εις τὸν αὐτόν

Τίς; τίνος;— 'Αμφιλόχου Εὐφήμιος ἐνθάδε κεῖται, οὖτος ὁ Καππαδόκαις πᾶσι διὰ στόματος· σὐτος δν αὶ Χάριτες Μούσαις δόσαν· οὶ δ' ὑμέναιοι ἀμφὶ θύρας· ἢλθεν δ' ὁ φθόνος ἀκύτερος.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 122-126

122.—On Euphemius

EUPHEMIUS, an orator among orators, a poet among poets, the glory of his country, the glory of his parents, is dead, but just bearded, but just beginning to call the loves to his chamber. Alas for the misfortune! Instead of a virgin bride he possesses a tomb, and the day of wailing overtook the days of the bridal song.

123.—On the Same

EUPHEMIUS, but twenty years old, gathering the honey of both the Greek and Latin muse, as none else gathered that of either, in all the splendour of his beauty and virtue, is gone under earth. Alas, how swift is the death of the good!

124.—On the Same

EUPHEMIUS was a little relic of the golden age, noble alike in character and intellect, gentle, sweet of speech, beautiful as the Graces. Therefore he dwelt not long among mortals.

125.—On the Same

EUPHEMIUS shone bright among men, but for a brief season; for the flash of the lightning too is not long. He shone alike in learning, beauty and intellect. His qualities were once the glory and are now the lament of Cappadocia.

126 .- On the Same

Who, and whose son? Euphemius the son of Amphilochus lies here, he who was the talk of all Cappadocia, he whom the Graces gave to the Muses. The chanters of the bridal song were at his gate, but Envy came quicker than they.

127.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Έρνος ἀμώμητον, Μουσῶν τέκος, εἰαρ ἐταίρων, καὶ χρύσεον Χαρίτων πλέγμα ἰοστεφέων, ὅχετο ἐκ μερόπων Εὐφήμιος· οὐδ' ἔτ' ἀνίσχεν, αἰαῖ, σοῖς θαλάμοις πυρσὸς δν ἡψεν Ἑρως.

128.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Αὶ Χάριτες Μούσαισι: "Τί ρέξομεν; οὐκέτ' ἄγαλμα χειρῶν ἡμετέρων Εὐφήμιος ἐν μερόπεσσιν." χαὶ Μοῦσαι Χαρίτεσσιν: "Ἐπεὶ φθόνος ἐστὶν ἀλιτρός, τόσσον ἔχοι· ἡμῖν δὲ τόδ' ὅρκιον ἔμπεδον ἔστω, μηκέτ' ἀναστῆσαι τοῖον μερόπεσσιν ἄγαλμα." 5

129.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Κρήναι καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ ἄλσεα, καὶ λαλαγεῦντες ὅρνιθες λιγυροὶ καλὸν ἐπ' ἀκρεμόνων, αὖραί τε μαλακὸν συρίγμασι κῶμα φέρουσαι, καὶ κῆποι Χαρίτων εἰς ἐν ἀγειρομένων, κλαύσατε. ὧ χαρίεσσ' Εὐφημιάς· ὧς σε θανών περ 5 Εὐφήμιος κλεινὴν θήκατ' ἐπωνυμίην.

130.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Κάλλιμος ἠεθέων Εὐφήμιος, είποτ' ἔην γε·
κάλλιμος ἐν χώροις χῶρος ὅδ' ἢλύσιος·
τοῦνεκεν εἰς ἐν ἄγερθεν· ἐπεὶ ζωὴν μὲν ἔλειψεν,
οῦνομα δ' ἐν χώρφ κάλλιπεν ἦγαθέφ.

131.—Είς 'Αμφίλοχον

"Ηλυθε κ' 'Αμφιλόχοιο φίλον δέμας ές μέγα σημα, ψυχη δ' ές μακάρων ώχετ' ἀποπταμένη.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 127-131

127.—On the Same

EUPHEMIUS the faultless blossom, the son of the Muses, the spring of his comrades, the golden chaplet of the violet-crowned Graces, is gone from amongst men, and woe is me, the torch that love lit shone not on thy bridal chamber.

128 .- On the Same

THE Graces to the Muses: "What shall we do? Euphemius the statue moulded by our hands is no longer among the living." And the Muses to the Graces: "Since Envy is so wicked, let her have this much, but let us swear a sure oath, never again to raise such a statue among men."

129.—On the Same

Springs, rivers and groves, and singing birds that twitter sweetly on the branches, and breezes whose whistling brings soft sleep, and gardens of the linked Graces, weep. O charming Euphemias, how Euphemius though dead has made thy name famous.

130.—On the Same

EUPHEMIUS was the most beautiful among the young men, if ever indeed there was such a one, and this Elysian place is most beautiful among places. Therefore were they united. He lost his life, but left his name to a lovely spot.

131.—On Amphilochus

Amphilochus' dear body has come too to the great tomb, but his soul flew away to the place of the 'The place where he was buried was called so.

πηοῖς πάντα πέπασσο, μακάρτατε· βίβλον ἐψξας πᾶσαν ὅση θνητῶν, κεἴ τις ἐπουρανίη. γηραλέος φιλίην ὑπέδυς χθόνα· τέκνα λέλοιπας κρείσσονα καὶ τοκέων· τὸ πλέον οὐ μερόπων.

132.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

"Ασμενος ή τε δάμαρτι καὶ υίεϊ πάρθετο σῶμα 'Αμς ποχος, λιπαροῦ γήραος ἀντιάσας, ὅλβιος, εὐγενέτης, μύθων κράτος, ἄλκαρ ἀπάντων, πηῶν, εὐσεβέων, εὐγενέων, λογίων, καὶ μύθοιο δοτὴρ περιώσιος. ἤνιδ' ἐταίρων σῶν ἐνός, ὧ φιλότης, γράμμ' ἐπιτυμβίδιον.

133.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Ω μάκαρ', ὧ ξυνὸν πενίης ἄκος, ὧ πτερόεντες μῦθοι, καὶ πηγὴ πᾶσιν ἀρυομένη, ἄσθματι πάντα λίπες πυμάτω τὸ δ' ἄμ' ἔσπετο μοῦνον ἔνθεν ἀειρομένω κῦδος ἀεὶ θαλέθον.
Γρηγόριος τάδ' ἔγραψα, λόγω λόγον δν παρὰ σεῖο 5 'Αμφίλοχ', ἐξεδάην ἀντιχαριζόμενος.

134.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

' Αμφίλοχος τέθνηκεν· ἀπώλετο εἴ τι λέλειπτο καλὸν ἐν ἀνθρώποις, ἡητορικῆς τε μένος, καὶ Χάριτες Μούσαισι μεμιγμέναι· ἔξοχα δ' αὖ σε ἡ Διοκαισαρέων μύρατο πάτρα φίλη.

135.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Τυτθον μέν πτολίεθρον, ἀτὰρ πολύν ἀνέρα δῶκα βήμασιν ἰθυδίκοις ἡ Διοκαισαρέων, ᾿Αμφίλοχον· φθιμένφ δὲ συνέφθιτο καὶ πυρόεσσα ἡήτρη, καὶ πάτρης εὐχος ἀριστυτόκου.

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blest. All thy possessions were thy kinsmen's, blessed among men. Thou didst leave no book human or divine unopened. In old age thou didst descend beneath the kind earth. Thou hast left children even better than their parents. More is not for mortals.

132.—On the Same

Amphilochus in ripe old age gladly went to lie beside his wife and son. Happy he was, and noble, powerful of speech, the support of all—his relatives, the pious, the noble, the learned—lavish of excellent discourse. Lo, my friend, the epitaph written by one of thy comrades.

133.-On the Same

O BLESSED man, O universal healer of poverty, O winged words, O fountain from which all drew, with thy last breath thou didst leave all that was thine, and alone thy eternal good fame followed thee when thou wast taken. Gregory wrote this repaying thee by words for the skill of speech he learnt from thee.

134.—On the Same

Amphilochus is dead: if aught good were left among men it is gone, the force of eloquence is gone, the Muses mingled with the Graces and above all did thy dear native city Diocaesarea mourn for thee.

135.—On the Same

I, DIOCAESAREA, am a small town, but gave a great man, Amphilochus, to the Courts of Law. With him perished the fire of oratory and the boast of his native city which his birth ennobled.

136.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Τον ρήτρην πυρόεσσαν επ' αντιπάλοισι φέρουτα, τον μέλιτος γλυκίω ήθεα και πραπίδας 'Αμφίλοχον κατέχω τυτθη κόνις, εκτοθι πάτρης, υιέα Φιλτατίου Γοργονίας τε μέγαν.

137.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Ρητηρες, φθέγγοισθε· μεμυκότα χείλεα σιγή 'Αμφιλόχου μεγάλου τύμβος ὅδ' ἀμφὶς ἔχω.

138.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ήρίον Άμφιλόχοιο μελίφρονος, δε ποτε ρήτρη πάντας Καππαδόκας καίνυτο καλ πραπίσιν.

139.—Εἰς Νικομήδην

Οίχεαι, ω Νικόμηδες, έμον κλέος· ή δε συνωρις σων καθαρή τεκέων πως βίον εξανύσει; τίς δε τέλος νηῷ περικάλλεϊ χειρ επιθήσει; τίς δε θεῷ πέμψει φρὴν τελέην θυσίην, σειο, μάκαρ, μιχθέντος επουρανίοισι τάχιστα; ω γενεὴ τλήμων, οια πάθες, μερόπων.

140.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

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Δέρκεο καὶ τύμβου Νικομήδεος, εἴ τιν' ἀκούεις, ος νηὸν Χριστῷ δειμάμενος μεγάλῳ, αὐτὸν μὲν πρώτιστον, ἔπειτα δὲ τὴν περίβωτον δῶκεν άγνὴν θυσίην πρρθενίην τεκέων, φέρτερον οὐδὲν ἔχων, ἱερεύς, γενέτης τε φέριστος. τοὔνεκα καὶ μεγάλη ὧκα μίγη Τρἴάδι.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 136-140

136.—On the Same

A LITTLE dust covers far from his native place Amphilochus the great son of Philtatius and Gorgonia, armed ever with fiery speech against his adversaries, but of a disposition and mind sweeter than honey.

137.—On the Same

SPEAK now, ye orators. This tomb contains the lips now closed of great Amphilochus.

138 .- On the Same

This is the tomb of sweet-souled Amphilochus, who surpassed all Cappadocians in eloquence and intellect.

139.—On Nicomedes

Thou art gone, Nicomedes, my glory, and how shall the pure pair, thy children, pass their life? What hand shall finish the lovely church, and what mind shall render a perfect sacrifice to God, now that thou, blessed man, hast early joined the heavenly ones? O wretched race of mortals, what a misfortune is yours!

140.—On the Same

LOOK on the tomb of Nicomedes, if thou hast ever heard of him, who having built a temple to Great Christ, gave himself first and then the renowned virginity of his children a pure sacrifice to God, having no better to offer, the best of priests and fathers. Therefore he soon was united with the Great Trinity.

141.—Εἰς τὸν αὐτόν

"Υστατος ες βίον ἢλθες ἀοίδιμον, ἀλλὰ τάχιστα ἔνθεν ἀνηέρθης: τίς τάδ' ἔνευσε δίκη; Χριστὸς ἄναξ, Νικόμηδες, ὅπως σέο λαὸν ἄνωθεν ἰθύνοις τεκέων σὺν ἱερῆ δυάδι.

142.—Εἰς Καρτέριον ἐταῖρον τοῦ μεγάλου Γρηγομίου
Πῆ με λιπὼν πολύμοχθον ἐπὶ χθονί, φίλταθ' ἐταίρων,
ἤλυθες ἀρπαλέως, κύδιμε Καρτέριε;
πῆ ποτ' ἔβης νεότητος ἐμῆς οἰήῖα νωμῶν,
ἤμος ἐπ' ἀλλοδαπῆς μῦθον ἐμετρεόμην,

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δς βιότφ μ' έξησας άσαρκες; η ρ' έτεον σοι Χριστὸς ἄναξ πάντων φίλτερος, δυ νυν έχεις.

143.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Αστεροπή Χριστοίο μεγακλέος, ερκος ἄριστον ἢιθέων, ζωής ἡνίοχ' ἡμετέρης, μνώεο Γρηγορίοιο, τὸν ἔπλασας ἤθεσι κεδνοίς, ἦν ὅτε ἦν, ἀρετῆς κοίρανε Καρτέριε.

144.—Εἰς τὸν αὐτόν

[°]Ω πηγαὶ δακρύων, ὧ γςύνατα, ὧ θυέεσιν ἁγνοτάτοις παλάμαι Χριστὸν ἀρεσσάμεναι Καρτερίου πῶς λῆξεν ὁμῶς πάντεσσι βροτοίσιν; ἤθελεν ὑμνοπόλον κεῦθι χοροστασίη.

145.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

"Ηρπασας, & Νικόμηδες, εμον κέαρ· ήρπασας &κα Καρτέριον, της σης σύζυγον εὐσεβίης.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 141-145

141.—On the Same

LATE didst thou come to glorious life, but early wert thou taken thence. What justice so decreed? It was Christ the Lord, Nicomedes, so that from heaven thou mightest rule thy people together with the holy pair, thy children.

142 .- To Carterius, the comrade of Gregory the Great

Dearest of comrades, noble Carterius, how hast thou suddenly departed, leaving me full of cares on earth? How hast thou departed, thou who didst direct the rudder of my youth, when in a strange land I was composing verse, thou who wert the cause of my spiritual life. Of a surety Christ the Lord, who now is thine, is dearer to thee than all.

143.—On the Same

LIGHTNING of glorious Christ, best bulwark of youth, charioteer of my youth, remember Gregory whom thou didst mould in moral excellence once on a time, Carterius, lord of virtue.

144.—On the Same

O FOUNTS of tears, O knees, O hands of Carterius, that appeared Christ by most pure sacrifices. How like all mortals has he ceased to be? The choir there in heaven required a hymner.

145.—On the Same

Thou hast torn from me my heart, Nicomedes, thou hast carried off too soon Carterius, the partner of thy piety.

146.—Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Ω Εώλων ζαθέων ίερον πέδον, οίον ἔρεισμα σταυροφόρων κόλποις Καρτέριον κατέχεις.

147.—Εἰς Βάσσον τινὰ παρὰ ληστῶν ἀποκτανθέντα

Βάσσε φίλος, Χριστῷ μεμελημένος ἔξοχον ἄλλων, τῆλε τεῆς πάτρης ληΐστορι χειρὶ δαμάσθης, οὐδέ σε τύμβος ἔχει πατρώϊος ἀλλὰ καὶ ἔμπης πᾶσιν Καππαδόκεσσι μέγ' οὔνομα σεῖο λέλειπται, καὶ στῆλαι παγίων μέγ' ἀμείνονες, αἶς ἐνιγράφθης. Γρηγορίου τόδε σοι μνημήϊον, δν φιλέεσκες.

148.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

'Ως 'Αβραὰμ κόλποισι τεθεὶς ὑποδέχνυσο, Βάσσε, σὸν τέκος ἀτρεκέως πνεύματι Καρτέριου αὐτὰρ ἐγών, εἰ καί σε τάφος σὺν πατρὶ καλύπτοι, οὕποτ' ἀφ' ὑμετέρης στήσομ' ὁμοζυγίης.

149.-Είς Φιλτάτιοι

'Ηίθεον μεγάλοιο μέγαν κοσμήτορα λαοῦ χθων ίερη κεύθω Φιλτατίοιο δέμας.

150.-Είς Εὐσέβειαν καὶ Βασίλισσαν

Εὐσέβιον, Βασίλισσα, μεγακλέες, ἐνθάδε κεῖνται, Εώλων ἢγαθέων θρέμματα χριστοφόρα, καὶ Νόννης ζαθέης ἱερὸν δέμας. ὅστις ἀμείβεις τούσδε τάφους, ψυχῶν μνώεο τῶν μεγάλων.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 146-150

146.—On the Same

O HOLY soil of divine Xola, how strong a support of the Christians was Carterius whom thou holdest in thy bosom.

147.—On Bassus who was slain by Robbers

Dear Bassus, the special darling of Christ, far from thy home thou hast fallen by the robber's hand; nor dost thou even rest in the tomb of thy fathers. But yet great is the name thou hast left in all Cappadocia. The columns in which thy name is written are far better than solid ones. This is the memorial made for thee by Gregory whom thou lovedst.

148 .- On the Same

RECEIVE, Bassus, as one lying in Abraham's bosom, Carterius, truly thy spiritual child. But I, though the tomb holds thee and thy father, will never desert your fellowship.

149.—On Philtatius

This holy earth covers the body of Philtatius, a youth who was the great ruler of a great people.

150.—On Eusebia and Basilissa

HERE lie the most noble Eusebia and Basilissa, Christian nurslings of lovely Xola, and also Nonna's holy body. Thou who passest these tombs, remember the great souls.

The minds of men.

151.—Είς Έλλάδιον καὶ Εὐλάλιον αὐταδέλφους

Αλεί σοι νόος ἢεν ἐς οὐρανόν, οὐδ' ἐπὶ γαίης ἤρειδες χθαμαλῆς ἴχνιον οὐδ' ὀλίγον· τοὔνεκεν ὡς τάχος ἢλθες ἀπὸ χθονός· Εὐλάλιος δὲ σὴν κόνιν ἀμφιέπει σὸς κάσις, Ἑλλάδιε.

152.-Εἰς Ἑλλάδιον

Τον νεαρόν, Χριστῷ δὲ μέγαν, πολιόν τε νόημα, χῶρος ὅδ᾽ ἀθλοφόρων Ἑλλάδιον κατέχω· οὐ νέμεσις· κείνοις γὰρ ὁμοίτον ἄλγος ἀνέτλη, σβεννὺς ἀντιπάλου τοῦ φθονεροῖο μόθον.

153.-Είς τὸν αὐτόι

Μικρον μεν πυείεσκες επὶ χθονὶ σαρκὸς ἀνάγκη, πλείονα δε ζωῆς ὑψόθι μοῦραν ἔχεις, Ἑλλάδιε, Χριστοῦο μέγα κλέος· εἰ δε τάχιστα δεσμῶν εξελύθης, τοῦτο γέρας καμάτων.

154.—Είς Γεώργιον

Καὶ σὺ Γεωργίοιο φίλον δέμας, ἐνθάδε κεῖσαι, δς πολλὰς Χριστῷ πέμψας άγνὰς θυσίας σὺν δὲ κασιγνήτη σῶμα, φρένας, ἡ Βασίλισσα ξυνὸν ἔχει μεγάλη καὶ γάφον ὡς βίστον.

155.—Εἰς Εὐπράξιον

Χώρης τῆσδ' ἱερῆς Εὐπράξιον ἀρχιερῆα ηδ' ᾿Αριανζαίη χθὼν μεγάλη κατέχω, Γρηγορίοιο φίλον καὶ ηλικα, καὶ συνοδίτην τοὔνεκα καὶ τύμβου γείτονος ηντίασεν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 151-155

151.—On the Brothers Helladius and Eulalius

Thy mind was ever in heaven, nor didst thou set foot at all on this low earth. Therefore very early hast thou gone from earth, and Eulalius thy brother tends thy dust, Helladius.

152.—On Helladius

This burial place of the martyrs holds Helladius young in years, but great in Christ and grey in thought. This is no profanation, for he suffered pains like theirs, extinguishing the attack of his envious adversary.

153.—On the Same

For a little season by the necessity of the flesh thou didst breathe on earth, but above a greater share of love is thine, Helladius, great glory of Christ. If thou wast early released from thy bonds, this was the reward of thy labours.

154.—On George

And thou dost lie here also, dear body of George, who didst render many pure sacrifices to Christ, and Basilissa the great, thy sister in body and spirit shares thy tomb as she shared thy life.

155.—On Eupraxius

This great land of Arianza contains the body of Eupraxius, high priest of the holy country, the friend and contemporary and fellow-traveller of Gregory. Therefore he lies buried near at hand.

156.—Εἰς Ναυκράτιον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ μεγάλου Βασιλείοι

Ίχθυβόλον ποτ' ἔλυε λίνον βυθίης ἀπὸ πέτρης Ναυκράτιος, δίναις ἐν ποταμοῦ βρυχίαις καὶ τὸ μὲν οὐκ ἀνέλυσεν ὁ δ' ἔσχετο πῶς άλιῆα εἴρυσεν ἀνθ' άλίης δίκτυον, εἰπέ, λόγε, Ναυκράτιον, καθαροῖο βίου νόμον, ὥσπερ ἐίσκω, καὶ χάριν ἐλθέμεναι καὶ μόρον ἐξ ὑδάτων.

157.-Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ναυκράτιος στροφάλιγγι θάνε φθονεροῦ ποταμοῖο, δεσμοῖσιν βυθίης ἄρκυος ἐνσχόμενος: ὥς κε μάθης σύ, θνητέ, τὰ παίγνια τοῦδε βίοιο, ἔνθεν ἀνηέρθη πῶλος ὅδ᾽ ἄκρα θέων.

158.—Είς τὸν αὐτόν

Ναυκράτιος πλεκτοίο λίνου δεσμοίσιν έλυσθείς, δεσμών τούδε βίου έξ άλίης έλύθη.

159.-Είς Μαξέντιον

Αἴματος εὐγενέος γενόμην, βασιλήος ἐν αὐλαῖς ἔστην, ὀφρὺν ἄειρα κενόφρονα. πάντα κεδάσσας, Χριστὸς ἐπεί με κάλεσσε, βίου πολλαῖσιν ἀταρποῖς ἔχνος ἔρεισα πόθοιο τινάγμασιν, ἄχρις ἀνεῦρον τὴν σταθερήν Χριστῷ τῆξα δέμας ἄλγεσι πολλοῖς το καὶ νῦν κοῦφος ἄνω Μαξέντιος ἔνθεν ἀνέπτην.

160.-Είς τὸν αὐτὸν Μαξέντιον

Πάλλετ' έμολ κραδίη, Μαξέντιε, σεῖο γράφουσα οὔνομα, δς στυφελην ηλθες όδον βιότου, ἄμβροτον, αἰπήεσσαν, ἀτερπέα· σεῖο, φέριστε, ἄτρομος οὐδὲ τάφφ χβιστιανὸς πελάει.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 156-160

156.—On Naucratius, the Brother of Basil the Great

NAUCRATIUS was once freeing his fishing-net from a sunken rock in the roaring eddies of the river. The net he did not free, but was caught himself. Tell me, O Word, how the net landed the fisherman Naucratius, an example of pure life, instead of fish. As I conjecture, both grace and death came to him from the water.

157.—On the Same

NAUCRATIUS died in the eddy of the envious river, entangled in the toils of his sunken net, so that, mortal, thou mayst know the tricks of this life, from which this fleet-footed colt was removed.

158 .- On the Same

NAUCRATIUS, caught in the fetters of his net, was released from the fetters of this life by fishing.

159.—On Maxentius

I, MAXENTIUS, was born of noble blood; I stood in the Emperor's Court, I was puffed up by vainglory. But when Christ called me, throwing all to the winds, I walked, stimulated by love for him, in many ways of life, until I found the steadfast one. I wasted my body for Christ by many hardships, and now flew up lightly from flere.

160 .- On the Same

My heart trembles as it writes thy name, Maxentius, who didst traverse a hard road of life, a lonely road, and steep and dismal. No Christian, O best of men, approaches even thystomb without trembling.

¹ The river Isis, as Gregory of Nyssa tells us. He was fishing to provide food for his aged parents.

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161.—Εἰς Ἐμμελίαν τὴν μητέρα τοῦ ἀγίου Βασιλείου Ἐμμέλιον τέθνηκε· τίς ἔφρασεν; ἥ γε τοσούτων καὶ τοίων τεκέων δῶκε φιίος βιότω, υίἐας ἠδὲ θύγατρας ὁμόζυγας ἀζυγέας τε· εὔπαις καὶ πολύπαις ἥδε μόνη μερόπων. τρεῖς μὲν τῆσδ' ἱερῆςς ἀγακλέες, ἡ δ' ἱερῆςς σύζυγος· οἱ δὲ πέλας ὡς στρατὸς εὐαγέων.

162.—Είς τὴν αὐτὴν Ἐμμελίαν

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Θάμβος ἔχεν μ' ὁρόωντα τόσον γόνον Ἐμμελίοιο καὶ τοῖον, μεγάλης νηδύος ὅλβον ὅλον ὡς δ' αὐτὴν φρασάμην Χριστοῦ κτέαρ, εὐσεβὲς αἷμα, Ἐμμέλιον, τόδ' ἔφην "Οὐ μέγα· ῥίζα τόση." τοῦτό σοι εὐσεβίης ἱερὸν γέρας, ὡ παναρίστη, τιμὴ σῶν τεκέων, οἷς πόθον εἶχες ἔνα.

163.—Εἰς Μακρίναν τὴν ἀδελφὴν τοῦ μεγάλου Βασιλείου Παρθένον αἰγλήεσσαν ἔχω κόνις, εἴ τιν' ἀκούεις Μακρίναν, Ἐμμελίου πρωτότοκον μεγάλης. ἡ πάντων ἀνδρῶν λάθεν ὅμματα· νῦν δ' ἐνὶ πάντων γλώσση καὶ πάντων Φέρτερον εὖχος ἔχει.

164.-Είς Θεοσέβιον άδελφην Βασιλείου

Καὶ σὰ Θεοσσέβιον, κλεινής τέκος Ἐμμελίοιο, Γρηγορίου μεγάλου σύζυγε ἀτρεκέως, ἐνθάδε τὴν ἰερὴν ὑπέδυς χθόνα, ἔρμα γυναικῶν εὐσεβέων βιότου δ' ὥριος ἐξελύθης.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 161-164

161 .- On Emmelia, the Mother of St. Basil

EMMELIA is dead; who would have thought it, she who gave to life the light of so many and such children, sons and daughters married and unmarried? She alone among mortals had both good children and many. Three of her sons were illustrious priests, and one daughter the wife of a priest, and the rest like an army of saints.

162.—On the Same

I MARVELLED when I looked on the great and goodly family of Emmelia, all the wealth of her mighty womb; but when I considered how she was Christ's cherished possession of pious blood I said this: "No marvel! The root is so great." This is the holy recompense of thy piety, thou best of women, the honour of thy children, with whom thou hadst one desire.

163.—On Macrina, the Sister of St. Basil

THE earth holds the glorious virgin Macrina, if ye ever heard her name, the first-born child of great Emmelia. She let herself be seen by no man, but is now on the tongues of all, and has glory greater than any.

164.—On Theosebia, the Sister of St. Basil

And thou, Theosebia, child of noble Emmelia, and in very truth spouse of great Gregory, liest here in holy soil, thou stay of pious women. Ripe in years didst thou depart this life.

165.—Εἰς Γρηγόριον τῆς μητρὸς ἀδελφόν Γρηγόριον μήτρως, ἰερεὺς μέγας, ἐνθάδ' ἔθηκε Γρηγόριος, καθαροῖς Μάρτυσι παρθέμενος, ἤίθεον, θαλέθοντα, νεόχνοον· αἰ δὲ πάροιθεν τῆς γηροτροφίης ἐλπίδες ἥδε κόνις.

166.—Πρὸς τοὺς ἐν μαρτυρίοις τρυφῶντας
Εἰ φίλον ὀρχησταῖς ἀθλήματα, καὶ φίλον ἔστω θρύψις ἀεθλοφόροις· ταῦτα γὰρ ἀντίθετα. εἰ δ' οὐκ ὀρχησταῖς ἀθλήματα, οὐδὲ ἀθληταῖς ἡ θρύψις, πῶς σὰ Μάρτυσι δῶρα φέρεις ἄργυρον, οἶνον, βρῶσιν, ἐρεύγματα; ἡ ρα δίκαιος δς πληροῦ θυλάκους, ἃν ἀδικώτατος ἦ;

167.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Μάρτυρες, είπατε ἄμμιν ἀληθῶς, εἰ φίλον ὑμῖν αἰ σύνοδοι; τί μὲν οὖν ἥδιον; ἀντὶ τίνος; τῆς ἀρετῆς· πολλοὶ γὰρ ἀμείνους ὧδε γένοιντ' ἄν, εἰ τιμῷτ' ἀρετή. τοῦτο μὲν εὐ λέγετε. ἡ δὲ μέθη, τό τε γαστρὸς ὑπάρχειν τοὺς θεραπευτὰς 5 ἄλλοις· ἀθλοφόρων ἔκλυσις ἀλλοτρία.

168.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Μὴ ψεύδεσθ' ὅτι γαστρὸς ἐπαινέται εἰσὶν ἀθληταί· λαιμῶν οἴδε νόμοι, ὡ 'γαθοί, ὑμετέρων· μάρτυσι δ' εἰς τιμὴν ἐν ἐπίσταμαι· ὕβριν ἐλαύνειν ψυχῆς καὶ δαπανᡇν δίκρυσι τὴν πιμελήν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 165-168

165.—On Gregory, his Mother's Brother

GREGORY the high priest, laid here his nephew Gregory, yet in the first bloom of youth, entrusting him to the pure martyrs. His former hopes of being tended by him in his old age are here turned to dust.

166.—On those who feast luxuriously in the Churches of the Martyrs 1

IF the pains of martyrdom are dear to dancers, then let luxury be dear to the martyrs, for these two things are opposite. But if neither these pains are dear to dancers, nor luxury to the martyrs, how is it thou bringest as gifts to the martyrs, silver, wine, food, belching? Is he who fills that bag his body just, even if he be most unjust?

167.—On the Same

"Tell me, martyrs, truly, if ye love the meetings?" "What could be dearer to us?" "For the sake of what?" "Virtue, for if virtue were honoured, many men would become better." "Ye are right in this, but drunkenness and enslavement to the belly is for others. Dissipation is alien to the martyrs."

168 .- On the Same

Assert not falsely that martyrs are commenders of the belly. This is the law of your gullets, good people. But I know one way of honouring the martyrs, to drive away wantonness from the soul, and decrease thy fatness by weeping.

¹ These meetings had of course a religious character to celebrate the festivals of the martyrs. What Gregory complains of is that festivals degenerated into festivities.

169.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Μαρτύρομ', ἀθλοφόροι καὶ μάρτυρες ΰβριν ἔθηκαν τιμὰς ὑμετέρας οἱ φιλογαστορίδαι. οὐ ζητεῖτε τράπεζαν ἐΰπνοον, οὐδὲ μαγείρους οἱ δ' ἐρυγὰς παρέχουσ' ἀντ' ἀρετῆς τὸ γέρας.

170.—Εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς καὶ κατὰ τυμβωρύχων

Τρισθανέες, πρώτον μεν εμίξατε σώματ' ανάγνων άθλοφόροις, τύμβοι δε θυηπόλον άμφις έχουσι· δεύτερον αυτε τάφους τους μεν διεπέρσατ' άθέσμως, αυτοί σήματ' έχοντες όμοιια· τους δ' απέδοσθε, πολλάκι και τρις εκαστον· δ δε τρίτον, ιεροσυλείς μάρτυρας ους φιλέεις· Σοδομίτιδες ήξατε πηγαί.

171.—Εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς καὶ κατὰ τυμβωρύχων
Παίδες Χριστιανῶν τόδ' ἀκούσατε· οὐδὲν ὁ τύμβος·
πῶς οὖν ὑμετέρους χώννυτ' ἀριπρεπέας;
ἀλλ' ἔστιν καὶ πᾶσι γέρας τόδε, μηδὲ τάφοισιν
βάλλειν ἀλλοτρίοις δυσμενέας παλάμας.
εἰ δ' ὅτι μὴ νέκυς οἶδε τὰ ἐνθάδε, τοῦτ' ἀδίκαστον, 5
πείθομαι, ἢν σὰ φέρης πατρὸς ὕβριν φθιμένου.

172.—Εἰς τοὺς αὐτοὺς καὶ κατὰ τυμβωρύχων
Τυμβολέται, γάστρωνες, ἐρευγόβιοι, πλατύνωτοι,
μέχρι τίνος τύμβοις Μάρτυρας ἀλλοτρίοις
τιμᾶτ', εὐσεβέοντες ὰ μὶ θέμις; ἴσχετε λαιμούς,
καὶ τότε πιστεύσω Μάρτυσιν ἢρω φέρειν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 169-172

169.—On the Same

I TESTIFY, ye martyrs. The belly-lovers have made your worship into wantonness. Ye desire no sweet-smelling table, nor cooks. But they honour you with belching rather than righteousness.

170.—On the Same, and on Violators of Tombs

Thrice worthy of death, first ye laid beside the martyrs the bodies of impure men, and their tombs contain the bodies of pagan priests. Secondly, ye wickedly destroyed some tombs, ye who have tombs like unto them; and others ye sold, often each tomb thrice. In the third place, ye are guilty of sacrilege to those martyrs whom ye love. Come, ye fiery founts of Sodom!

171.—On the Same

HEARKEN to this, ye sons of Christians. The tomb is nothing. Why, then, do ye make your tombs magnificent? But this reverence is due to all, not to lay hostile hands on the tombs of others. But if this should escape punishment, because the corpse does not feel what is done to it here, I agree, if thou canst put up with an outrage done to thy dead father.

172 .- On the Same

DESTROYERS of tombs, gluttons who live but for belching, broad-backed, how long shall ye continue to honour the martyrs by the spoils of the tombs of others, with impious piety? Contain your greed, and then I will believe ye bring what is acceptable to the martyrs.

173.—Πρὸς τοὺς ἀπὸ τῶν ἐκ τάφων λίθων ναους οἰκοδομοῦντας

Γιμή Μάρτυσίν έστιν ἀεὶ θνήσκειν βιότητι, αίματος οὐρανίου μνωομένους μεγάλου, τύμβοι δὲ φθιμένοις: δς βήματα δ' ήμιν ἐγείρει ἀλλοτρίοισι λίθοις, μηδὲ τάφοιο τύχοι.

174.-Πρός τοὺς ἐν μαρτυρίοις τρυφωντας

Μάρτυρες, αξμα θεῷ μεγάλην ἐσπείσατε λοιβήν, καὶ μέντοι θεόθεν ἄξια δῶρ' ἔχετε, βήμαθ', ὕμνους, λαούς, εὐχῶν σέβας. ἀλλ' ἀπὸ τύμβων φεύγετε, νεκροκόμοι, Μάρτυσι πειθόμενοι.

175.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Δαίμοσιν είλαπίναζον, ὅσοις τὸ πάροιθε μεμήλει δαίμοσιν ήρα φέρειν, οὐ καθαρὰς θαλίας· τούτου Χριστιανοὶ λύσιν εὕρομεν, ἀθλοφόροισι στησάμεθ' ήμετέροις πνευματικὰς συνόδους. νῦν δέ τι τάρβος ἔχει με· ἀκνύσατε οἱ φιλόκωμοι· πρὸς τοὺς δαιμονικοὺς αὐτομολεῖτε τύπους.

176.-Καξὰ τυμβωρύχων

Μηκέτι πηκτον ἄροτρον ἀνηρ ἐπὶ γαίαν ἐλαύνοι, μη πέλαγος πλώοι, μη δόρυ θοῦρον ἔχοι· ἀλλὰ φέρων σκαπάνην τε καὶ ἄγριον ἐν φρεσὶ θυμόν, ἐς τύμβους πατέρων χρυσον ἴοι ποθέων· ὁππότε καὶ τοῦτόν τις ἐμὸν περικαλλέα τύμβον σκάψεν ἀτασθαλέων είνεκα κερδοσύνης.

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BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 173-176

173.—To those who build Churches out of Stones taken from Tombs

It is paying honour to the martyrs always to die to life, remembering the great heavenly blood; but tombs are an honour to the dead. Let him who erects shrines to us out of the stones belonging to others lack himself a tomb.

174. On those who feast in Martyrs' Churches

MARTYRS, ye poured your blood a great libation to God, and from God ye have fitting reward, shrines, hymns, congregations, the honour of prayers. But ye worshippers of the dead, do as the martyrs bid you, and keep away from tombs.

175 .- On the Same

In honour of the demons those who wished formerly to gain the favour of the demons celebrated impure banquets. This we Christians abolished, and instituted spiritual meetings for our martyrs. But now I am in some dread. List to me, ye revellers: ye desert us for the rites of devils.

176 .- On Violators of Tombs

(The remaining Epigrams are all on the same Subject)

LET no man any longer drive a sturdy plough into the land; let him not sail the sea, nor bear a threatening spear, but with pickaxe and savage heart go to seek gold in the tombs of his fathers, now that some wicked man has dug up, for the sake of gain, this beautiful tomb of mine.

177.—"Αλλο

Έπτὰ βίοιο πέλει τάδε θαύματα· τεῖχος, ἄγαλμα, κῆποι, πυραμίδες, νηός, ἄγαλμα, τάφος· ὅγδοον ἔσκον ἔγωγε πελώριος ἐνθάδε τύμβος, ὑψιπαγής, σκοπέλων τῶνδ' ἀποτῆλε θέων· πρῶτος δ' ἐν φθιμένοισιν ἀοίδιμος, ἔργον ἄπληστον τῆς σῆς, ἀνδροφόνε, μαινομένης παλάμης.

178.-- Αλλο

'Ην ὅτε ἢν ἀτίνακτος ἐγὼ τάφος οὔρεος ἄκρην πουλὺς ὑπερτέλλων τηλεφανὴς σκόπελος· νῦν δέ με θὴρ ἐτίναξεν ἐφέστιος εἴνεκα χρυσοῦ· ὧδε δ' ἐτινάχθην γείτονος ἐν παλάμαις.

179.—Κατὰ τυμβωρύχων

Τον τύμβοιο τόσου ληίστορα, ον πέρι πάντη λάων τετραπέδων άμφιθέει στέφανος, άξιον αὐτίκ' ἔην, αὐτῷ ἐνὶ σήματι θέντας αὖθις ἐπικλεῖσαι χάσματα δυσσεβέῖ.

180.—Κατὰ τυμβωρύχων

Έργον άλιτρον ὅπωπα, κεχηνότα τύμβον, ὁδεύων·
χρυσοῦ ταῦτα πέλει ἔργματα τοῦ δολίου·
εἰ μὲν χρυσον ἔχεις, εὖρες κακόν· εἰ δ' ἄρα κεινὸς
ἔνθεν ἔβης, κενεὴν μήσαο δυσσεβίην.

181.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

'Οσσάτιον παράμει ψα βροτών βίον οὐδ' ἄρ' ἔμελλων ἐκφυγέειν παλάμας γείτονος οὐλομένας, ὅς με καὶ αἰπὸν ἐόντα χαμαὶ βάλε νηλέϊ θυμῷ, οὕτε θεὸν δείσας, οὕθ' ὁσίην φθιμένων.

^{1 (1)} The wall of Babylon, (2) The statue of Zeus at 478

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 177-181

177

These are the seven wonders of the world: a wall, a statue, gardens, pyramids, a temple, another statue, a tomb. The eighth was I, this vast tomb rising high above these rocks; and among the dead I am most celebrated, owing to the greed of thy furious hand, murderer.

178

I was once an undisturbed tomb, like a rock rising high above the mountain summit, and conspicuous from afar; but now a beast of my own house has destroyed me for the sake of gold, and thus I was demolished by the hands of my neighbour.

179

For the spoiler of so fine a tomb, with a cornice of squared stones all round it, it were a fitting fate to put him in the tomb, and close on the impious wretch the gaps he made.

180

As I journeyed I saw an impious thing, a gaping tomb. This is the work of deceitful gold. If thou didst find gold, thou hast acquired an evil, but if thou wentest away empty thou hast got thee empty impiety.

181.

How long did I outlive the life of man! Yet it was not my fate to escape the destructive hands of my neighbour, who relentlessly cast me down, high as I was, fearing neither God nor the respect due to the dead.

Olympia, (3) the hanging gaudens of Babylon, (4) the pyramids, (5) the temple of Diana at Ephesus, (6) the Colossus of Rhodes, (7) the Mausoleum.

479

182.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τον τύμβων κακοεργον αλάστορα φεύγετε πάντες ηνίδο ὅσην σκοπιὴν ρήξατο ρηϊδίως οὐ μεν ρηϊδίως ἐρρήξατο· ἀλλ ἀποτῆλε χάζεσθε· φθιμένους ὧδο αν ἀρεσσάμεθα.

183.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Αἰαί ῶς τι κακὸν προτιόσσομαι ἐγγύθεν ἤδη τοῖσί τε τυμβορύχοις, τοῖς τε περικτιόσιν, σήματος ὑψιθέοντος ὀλωλότος ἀλλὰ τὸν ἐχθρὸν οἶδε δίκη· δακρύειν δ' ἡμέτερον φθιμένους.

184.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Μαυσωλοῦ τάφος ἐστὶ πελώριος, ἀλλὰ Κάρεσσι τίμιος· οὔτις ἐκεῖ τυμβολέτις παλάμη· Καππαδόκεσσιν ἔγωγε μέγ' ἔξοχος, ἀλλὰ δέδορκας οἶα πάθον· στήλη γράψατε νεκροφόνον.

185.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τοίχος ενὶ προπόδεσσι καὶ ὄρθιος· ενθεν ἔπειτα ὅπτιος, ἐκ λαγόνων εἰς εν ἀγειρομένων τύμβος ἔην, καθύπερθε λόφου λόφος· ἀλλὰ τί ταῦτα; οὐδεν χρυσοφίλαις δί μ' ἐτίναξαν ὅλον.

186.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Νεκρών νεκρά πέλοι καὶ μνήματα: δς δ' ἀνεγείρει τύμβον ἀριπρεπέα τἢ κόνι, τοῖα πάθοι: οὐ γὰρ ὰν οὖτος ἀνὴρ τὸν ἐμὸν τάφον ἐξαλάπαξεν, εἰ μὴ χρυσὸν ἔχειν ἤλπετο ἐκ νεκύων.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 182-186

182

Avoid, all men, the wicked profaner of tombs. Lo! what a high tower has he broken down with ease; surely he has not easily broken it down; but retire far from him, and thus shall we please the dead.

183

Wor is me! I foresee some evil about to befall the profaners of tombs and the neighbours, now the lofty tomb has been destroyed. But Justice knows the enemy, and it is ours but to weep for the dead.

184

The tomb of Mausolus is vast, but the Carians honour it; there are no desecrating hands there. I was chief among the Cappadocians, but you see what I have suffered. Write on the stele the name of the murderer of the dead.

185

The lower courses of the tomb were perpendicular, but above this it was composed of four inclined flanks meeting in one. It was like a hill surmounting a hill. But what use was all this? It was nothing to the gold-seekers who demolished it entirely.

186

LET the monuments of the dead be dead too, and let him who erects a magnificent tomb to the dust meet with this fate. For that man would never have pillaged my tomb if he had not expected to get gold from the dead.

187.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίς τίνος; Οὐκ ἐρέει στήλη· πρὸ γὰρ ὥλετο τύμβου Τίς χρόνος; 'Αρχαίης σήμα τόδ' ἐργασίης. Τίς δέ σ' ἐνήρατο; εἰπέ φόνος τόδε. Χεῖρες ἀλιτραὶ γείτονος. 'Ως τί λάβη; Χρυσόν. "Εχοι σκοτίη»

188.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

"Οστις εμον παρα σήμα φέρεις πόδα, ἴσθι με ταῦτα τοῦ νεοκληρονόμου χερσὶ παθόντ' ἀδίκως· οὐ γὰρ ἔχον χρυσόν τε καὶ ἄργυρον, ἀλλ' εδοκήθην, κάλλεϊ μαρμαίρων τοσσατίων λαγόνων.

189.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Στήθι πέλας, καὶ κλαῦσον ἰδων τόδε σήμα θανόντος, εἴποτ' ἔην, νῦν αὖτε τάφον δηλήμονος ἀνδρός· σῆμα πέλω μὴ τύμβον ἐγείρειε βροτὸς ἄλλος. τί πλέον, εἰ παλάμαισι φιλοχρύσοισιν ὀλεῖται;

190.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Αλών καλ κληίδες ἀμειδήτου θανάτοιο, καλ λήθη, σκοτίης βένθεα, καλ νέκυες, πῶς ἔτλη τύμβον τις ἐμὸν ἔπι χείρας ἐνεγκεῖν; πῶς ἔτλη; φθιμένων κήδεται οὐδ' δσίη;

191.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τέτρωμαι πληγήσιν ἀεικελίησιν ὁ τύμβος τέτρωμ', ὥς τις ἀνὴρ ἐν δαὶ λευγαλέη. ταῦτα φίλα θνητοῖσι; τὸ δ' αἴτιον ὡς ἀθέμιστοντὸν νέκυν οἶον ἔχων, χρυσὸν ἀπρξέομαι.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 187-191

187

"Who and whose son?" "The slab will not tell you, for it perished before the tomb." "What is the date?" "This is a tomb of old workmanship." "And who slew thee, for this is murder?" "The criminal hands of my neighbour." "To get what?" "Gold." "May he dwell in darkness."

188

Let whoever passes by my tomb be aware that I was injuriously treated by the new heir. I contained no gold and silver, but I looked as if I did so, glistening as I was with the beauty of so many faces.

189

STAND hard by and weep as ye look on this tomb of some dead man, if ever he existed, but which is now the tomb of an evil-doer. I am a monument proclaiming that none else should erect a tomb; for what does it serve, if it is to perish by hands greedy of gold?

190

Ages eternal, and locked portals of solemn death, and river of forgetfulness, and abysses of darkness, and ye dead, how did any man dare to lay hands on my tomb? How did he dare? Does not even religion protect the dead?

191

I, THE tomb, am wounded by shameful blows; I am wounded like a man in the fierce battle. Is this what pleases mortals? And how lawless the motive! I contain but a corpse, and am stripped of my gold.

192.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πρός σε θεοῦ ξενίου λιτάζομαι, ὅστις ἀμείβεις τύμβον ἐμόν, φράζειν· "Τοῖα πάθοις ὁ δράσας." οὖκ οἰδ' ὅντινα τύμβος ἔχει νέκυν· ἀλλ' ἐρέω γε δάκρυ' ἐπισπένδων· "Τοῖα πάθοις ὁ δράσας."

193.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πάντα λιπών, γαίης τε μυχοὺς καὶ πείρατα πόντου, ἢλθες ἔχειν ποθέων χρυσὸν ἐμοῦ νέκυος. νεκρὸν ἔχω καὶ μῆνιν ὁλωλότος· ἤν τις ἐπέλθη, ταῦτ' εἰ λείζη, δώσομεν ἀσπασίως.

194. -Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Εἴ σοι χρυσὸν ἔδωκα μόνφ μόνος, οὐκ ἐφύλασσες τοῦθ' ὅπερ εἰλήφεις; ἡ κακὸς ἡσθ' ἃν ἄγαν. εἰ δὲ τάφον σκάπτεις, τὴν αἰδέσιμον παραθήκην, καὶ τόδ' ἐπὶ χρυσῷ, ἄξιος, εἰπέ, τίνος;

195.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τοὺς ζῶντας κατόρυσσε· τί γὰρ νεκροὺς κατορύσσεις; ἄξιοί εἰσι τάφων, οὶ σὲ ζῆν εἰασαν οῦτω, τὸν τῶν οἰχομένων ὑβρἶστὴν καὶ φιλόχρυσον.

196.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Καὶ σύ, τάλαν, παλάμησι τεαῖς ἡ μύστιν ἐδωδὴν δέξη θαρσαλέως, ἡ θεὸν ἀγκαλέσεις χείρεσιν αἰς διόρυξας ἐδὸν τάφον; ἡ ἡα δίκαιοι οὐδὲν ἔχουσι πλέον, εἰ σὺ τάλαιτα φύγοις.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 192-196

192

"I BESEECH thee, who passest by my tomb, by that God who protects strangers to say, 'May the like befall thee who did it.'" "I know not who lies in the tomb, but shedding on it a tear I will say, 'May the like befall thee who did it.'"

193

NEGLECTING all else, the bowels of the earth and the uttermost seas, thou comest lusting to get gold from my corpse. I hold but a corpse and the wrath of the dead. If anyone attack me to rob me of these things I will give him them gladly.

194

If I had given thee gold without the cognisance of any, wouldest thou not have kept for me what thou didst receive? Otherwise thou wouldst have been very wicked. But if thou diggest up a tomb, a solemn trust, and this for the sake of gold, say of what art thou worthy?

195

Bury the living, for why dost thou bury the dead? They are worthy of burial, who thus allowed thee to live, insulter of the departed and luster after gold.

196

WRETCH, shalt thou take boldly in thy hands the mystic food, or invoke God with those hands which broke into my tomb? The just, indeed, have no profit if thou dost escape the scales of Justice.

197.-Είς τοὺς αὐτους

Φησὶ Δίκη· "Τίς πίστις, ὅτ' ἄλεσας δυ λαγόνεσσι σῆσιν ἔδωκα, νέκυν, γαῖα φίλη, φθίμενον;" "Οὖ γαίη μ' ἐτίναξεν· ἀτάσθαλος ἄλεσεν ἀνήρ, καὶ φιλοκερδείης εἵνεκα. τοῦτον ἔχε."

198.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πρόσθε τάδ' ἦεν ἄσυλα· θεός, νέκυς. ἀλλὰ θεὸς μὲν ἴλαος· εἰ δὲ νέκυς, ὄψεθ' ὁ τυμβολέτης.

199.-Είς τοὺς αὐτους

'Η ρά σε δινήσουσιν 'Ερινύες' αὐτὰρ ἔγωγε κλαύσομ' ἀποφθιμένους, κλαύσομ' ἄγος παλάμης.

200.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Λήξατε, τυμβοχόοι, ναὶ λήξατε βένθεσι γαίης κεύθειν τοὺς φθιμένους εἴξατε τυμβολέι αις. νεκρῶν καὶ τάδε γ' ἐστὶ σοφίσματα, ὡς φιλόχρυσον εὕρωσιν παλάμην, σήματα τοῖα χέειν.

201.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίς σ' ἀνέηκεν, ἄπληστε, τόσον κακὸν ἀντὶ τόσοιο κέρδεος ἀλλάξαι, μηδὲ παρεσταότος;

202.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Στήλαι καὶ τύμβοι, μέγα χαίρετε, σήματα νεκρῶν·
οὐκέτι κηρύξω μνήμασι τοὺς φθιμένους,
ήνίκα τὸν περίφαντον ἐμὸν τάφον ἄλεσε γείτων.
Γαῖα φίλη, σὺ δέ μοι δέχνυσο τοὺς φθιμένους.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 197-202

197

QUOTH Justice, "What faith is there, since thou, dear earth, hast destroyed him whom I entrusted to thy womb?" "It was not the earth that disturbed me; a wicked man destroyed me, and for the sake of gain. Lay hold on him."

198

FORMERLY these two were inviolate, God and the dead. God is merciful, but the destroyer of tombs will see if the dead is or not.

199

THE Furies shall torture thee, but I will weep for the dead and for the guilt of thy hand.

200

CEASE, ye builders of tombs; yea, cease to hide the dead in the depths of the earth. Give way before the destroyers of tombs. This is a device 1 of the dead to erect such tombs in order that they may meet with a hand that lusts for gold.

201

Who prompted thee, insatiable man, to exchange such a crime for such a gain, and that gain non existent?

202

FAREWELL ye gravestones and tombs, the monuments of the dead! I will no longer proclaim the names of the dead on their tombs now that my neighbour has destroyed my handsome tomb. Dear Earth, I pray thee to receive the dead.

¹ The sense is obscure.

203.-Πρὸς τοὺς αὐτούς

Στήλαι, καὶ πλακόεντες ἐν οὕρεσιν, ἔργα γιγάντων, τύμβοι, καὶ φθιμένων ἄφθιτε μνημοσύνη, σεισμὸς πάντα βράσειεν, ἐμοῖς νεκύεσσιν ἀρήγων, οῖς ἔπι χεὶρ ὀλοὴ ἦλθε σιδηροφόρος.

204.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Ήνικα τὸν περίβωτον ἐπ' οὔρεος, ἄγριε Τιτάν, τύμβον ἀνερρήξω, πῶς ἔσιδες νέκυας, ὡς δ' ἔσιδες, πῶς χεῖρες ἐπ' ὀστέα; ἢ τάχα κέν σε τἢ σχέθον, εἰ θέμις ἢν τοῖσδ' ἕνα τύμβον ἔχειν.

205.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Σήματα, καὶ σποδιή, καὶ ὀστέα, οἴ τε πάρεδροι δαίμονες, οἱ φθιμένου ναίετε τόνδε λόφον, τόνδ' ἀλιτρὸν τίννυσθε, ὸς ὑμέας ἐξαλάπαξεν. τῶν δὲ περικτιόνων δάκρυον ὕμμιν ὅσον.

206.-Κατά τυμβωρύχων

Τύμβοι, καὶ σκοπιαί, καὶ οὔρεα, καὶ παροδῖται, κλαύσατε τύμβον ἐμόν, κλαύσατε τυμβολέτην
ἤχὼ δ' ἐκ σκοπέλων πυματηγόρος ἀντιαχείτω
τῶνδε περικτιόνων '' Κλαύσατε τυμβολέτην."

207.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Κτείνετε, ληίζεσθε, κακοὶ κακοκερδέες ἄνδρες·
οὕτις ἐπισχήσει τὴν φιλοχρημοσύνην.
εἰ τάδ' ἔτλης, κακοεργέ, κακόφρονος είνεκα χρυσοῦ,
πᾶσι τεὴν ἐπέχειν ἀρπαλέην παλάμην.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 203-207

203

YE gravestones and broad tombs in the hills, the work of giants, and thou eternal memory of the departed, may an earthquake shake you all to pieces, coming to the aid of my dead, whom the destructive hand, armed with the pick, attacks.

204

WHEN, savage Titan, thou didst break into the famous tomb on the hill, how didst thou dare to look on the dead, and, looking on them, how to touch the bones? Verily they would have caught thee and kept thee there, if it were permitted to thee to share their tomb.

205

Tombs, and dust, and bones, and attendant spirits who dwell in this mound, take vengeance on the wicked man who pillaged you. How the neighbours weep for you!

206

Tombs, and summits, and hills, and passers by, weep for my tomb and weep for its destroyer. And may echo, that repeats the last words, cry from these neighbouring hills, "Weep for the destroyer."

207

SLAY and plunder, ye evil men, lovers of filthy lucre; none will check your love of money. If thou hadst the courage to do this for the sake of evil-counselling gold, venture to lay thy rapacious hand on all things.

208.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Οὖτος ἔπερσεν ἐμὸν φίλιον τάφον ἐλπίδι κούφη, δν μοῦνον κτεάνων ἔνθεν ἀπῆλθον ἔχων καὶ τοῦτόν τις ἀλιτρὸς ἑαῖς παλάμαις ὀλέσειεν, ἐκ δ' ὀλέσας τύμβου τῆλε βάλοι πατέρων.

209.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίς τον έμον διέπερσε φίλον τάφον, οὔρεος ἄκρης τῆσδ' ἀναειρόμενον ἡλίκον ὁσσατίης; χρυσὸς ἔθηξε μάχαιραν ἐπ' ἀνδράσι χρυσὸς ἄπληστον

κύμασι χειμερίοις ὤλεσε ναυσιβάτην· κάμε χρυσος επερσε μέγαν περικαλλέα τύμβον ελπισθείς· χρυσοῦ δεύτερα πάντ' ἀδίκοις.

210.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πολλάκι ναυηγοῖο δέμας κατέχωσεν ὁδίτης κύμασι πλαζόμενον, πολλάκι θηρολέτου ήδη καὶ πολέμω τις δυ ὤλεσεν ἀλλ' ἐμὲ γείτων χωσθέντ' ἀλλοτρίαις χερσὶν ἔπερσε τάφον.

211.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

* Ω χρυσοῦ δολίοιο, πόσον κακὸν ἔπλεο θνητοῖς·
ζῶσιν καὶ φθιμένοις χεῖρα φέρεις ἀδικῶν·
οῖς γὰρ ἐμὸν τύμβον τε καὶ ὀστέα δῶκα φυλάσσειν,
τῶνδ' ὕπο ταῖς μιαραῖς ἐξολόμην παλάμαις.

212.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πάντ' ἔθανεν νεκύεσσι. τί παίζομεν; οὔτις ἔτ' αἰδὼς ἐκ ζώντων φθιμένοις· δέρκεο τόνδε τάφον, ὅν γ' ἐλπὶς χρυσοῖο διώλεσε, τόσσον ἐόντα θαῦμα παρερχομένοις, θαῦμα περμτίοσιν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 208-212

208

This man, in vain hope, pillaged my dear tomb, the only one of my possessions I carried away with me. Let some other sinner's hands destroy him in turn, and afterwards cast him afar from the tombs of his fathers.

209

Who pillaged my dear tomb that rose so high above this mighty mountain summit? It is gold that sharpens the sword against the life of man, and gold makes the greedy navigator to perish in the wintry seas. I, too, this great and beautiful tomb, was pillaged in the hope of gold. All other things are second to gold in the eyes of the wicked.

210

MANY a traveller has buried the body of a shipwrecked man found tossing on the waves, and many a one the body of a man slain by beasts. Often has an enemy buried him whom he slew in war, but my neighbour has pillaged this tomb not the work of his own hands.

211

O DECEITFUL gold, what an evil thou art for man! Thou raisest the hand of the wicked against both dead and living. For I perished by the accursed hands of those into whose care I bequeathed my tomb and bones.

212

ALL is dead for the dead. Why do we trifle? There is no shame left among the living for the dead. Look at this tomb, that was such a wonder to travellers and the neighbours, destroyed for the hope of gold.

213.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Λίσσομαι· ἤν γε θάνω, ποταμῷ δέμας ἠὲ κύνεσσιν ρίψατε, ἠὲ πυρὶ δάψατε παντοφάγω· λώϊον ἢ παλάμησι φιλοχρύσοισιν ὀλέσθαι. δείδια, τόνδε τάφον τοῖα παθόνθ' ὁρόων.

214.-- "Αλλο

Δήποτε Κῦρος ἄναξ βασιλήϊον ὡς ἀνέφξεν τύμβον ἐπὶ χρυσῷ, γράμμα τόδ' εὖρε μόνον "Οἴγειν ἀπλήστοιο τάφους χερός." ὡς δὲ σὰ τόσσον σῆμα τόδ' οὐχ ὁσίαις οἶξας, ἄνερ, παλάμαις.

215.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

'Os κακὸς οὐ φθιμένοισι, τάχ' αν φθιμένοισιν ἀρήγοι ος δ' οὐδε φθιμένοις, οὕποτ' αν οὐ φθιμένοις. ως δε σὺ τοῖς φθιμένοισιν ἐπεὶ τάφον ἐξαλάπαξας, οὕποτ' αν οὐ φθιμένοις χεῖρα φέροις ὁσίην.

216.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Μαρτύρομ' οὐδὲν ἔχω πτωχὸς νέκυς ἐνθάδε κεῖμαι μή με τεαῖς ἀτίσης τυμβοφόνοις παλάμαις οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐτος ἔχεν χρυσὸν τάφος, ἀλλ' ἐδαἰχθη πάντα φιλοχρύσοις ἔμβατα φεῦγε Δίκη.

217.—Πρὸς τοὺς αὐτούς

Οἱ τύμβοι "Φθιμένοισιν ἀρήξατε" εἶπον ἄπαντες, ἡνίχ' ὁ λυσσήεις τόνδ' ἐτίνασσε τάφον. οἱ νέκυες τύμβοισι: "Τέ ῥέξομεν; αὖθις ἀέρθη ὡς ἐπὶ βουκτασίη γαῖαν ἀφεῖσα Δίκη."

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 213-217

213

I BESEECH ye, if I die, throw my body into a river or to the dogs, or consume it in the all-devouring fire. That is better than to perish by hands greedy of gold. I am in dread as I look on this tomb which has met with this fate.

214

KING CYRUS once, when he opened a royal tomb for the sake of gold, found only this inscription: "To open tombs is the work of an insatiable hand." So hast thou opened this great tomb with impious hands (and in vain).

215

HE who is evil to the living might, perhaps, help the dead, but who helps not the dead would never help the living. So thou, since thou hast plundered the tomb of the dead, wouldst never reach out a pious hand to the living.

216

I AVER I have nothing; it is a poor corpse that lies here. Do me no injury with thy tomb-slaying hands. This tomb next me never had any gold in it, but yet it was plundered. All is accessible to gold-seekers. Fly from hence, Justice.

217

The tombs all cried "Help the dead!" when the furious spoiler was breaking up this tomb. The dead cry to the tombs, "What shall we do? Justice has left the earth and flown up to heaven again, even as she did at the first slaying of oxen."

218.-- Όμοίως

"Ηλυθεν εἰς 'Αίδην τις ὁ δ' ἔπτατο ἄλλος ὅλεσ σε θῆρας ὁ δὲ πλεκτὰν υἰέι τεῦξε δόμον τούτων οὖτος ἀνὴρ οὐ δεύτερον ἔργον ἔρεξεν, τόνδε τάφον ῥήξας χείρεσιν οὐχ ὁσίαις.

219.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Εἰ τόσον ἔργον ἔγειρας ὀλωλότι, οὐ μέγα θαῦμα·
εἰ δὲ τόσον διέπερσας, ἀοίδιμος ἐσσομένοισιν·
καί σέ τις ἐν μεγάλοισιν ἀριθμήσει κακοεργοῖς,
τύμβον ἀναρρήξανθ', δν καὶ τρομέουσι φονῆες.

220.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Χρυσὸς μὲν 'Ροδίοισιν ἐπέκλυσε· σοὶ δ' ἀπὸ τύμβων χρυσὸν φέρει σίδηρος, ὃς κακὸν φέρει· ὅρυσσ πάντας· ἢ τάχ' ἄν σέ τις τύμβος κ' ἐξολέσειε πεσών, νεκύεσσι δ' ἀρήγοι.

221.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τύμβος ἔην· νῦν δ' εἰμὶ λίθων χύσις, οὐκέτι τύμβος. ταῦτα φιλοχρύσοις εἴαδε· ποία δίκη.

222.— Αλλο

Alaî καὶ τέφρη γενόμην, καὶ χείρας άλιτρῶν οὐκ ἔφυγον· χρυσοῦ τίπτε χερειότερον;

It is not known to whom he alludes.
 In audacity.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 218-222

218

ONE (Orpheus) descended to Hades, a second (Daedalus) flew, another (Heracles) slew beasts, another made a woven house for his son. Not second to those was the work of the man who broke down this tomb with his unholy hands.

219

If thou didst erect such a structure to the dead it is naught to marvel at, but if thou didst destroy so great a work posterity shall celebrate thee, and thou shalt be reckoned among the great criminals in having broken down a tomb that made its very murderers tremble.

220

It once rained gold on Rhodes,³ and the iron that brings evil brings gold to thee from tombs. Dig them all up; perhaps some tomb will fall on thee and help the dead.

221

I was a tomb, but I am now a heap of stones no longer a tomb. Such was the pleasure of the violators. What justice is this!

222

ALAS! I was burnt to ashes and escaped not the hand of the wicked. What is worse than gold?

³ Pindar's words (Ol. vii, 34) that Zeus "rained gold" on Rhodes were at least generally understood literally, whether he meant them to be so understood or not.

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223.-Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Αζομαι ἀνδρομέης γενεῆς ὕπερ, εἴ σε τις ἔτλη, τύμβε, χαμαὶ βαλέειν οὐχ ὁσίαις παλάμαις.

224.--Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Τύμβος έγώ, σκοπιή τις ἀπ' οὔρεος ἀλλά με χεῖρες θῆκαν ἴσον δαπέδω τίς τάδ' ἄνωξε νόμος;

225.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Οὖτος ἐμὸς δόμος ἢεν ὀλωλότος· ἀλλὰ σίδηρος ἢλθ' ἐπ' ἐμῷ τύμβῳ· σὸν δόμον ἄλλος ἔχοι.

226.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τὴν σκαπάνην ἐπ' ἄρουραν, ἐμῷ δ' ἐπὶ σήματι βάλλειν δάκρυα, μὴ παλάμας ήδε δίκη φθιμένων.

227.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τὴν σκαπάνην ἐπ' ἄρουραν· ἐμοῦ δ' ἀποχάζεο τύμβου, χάζεο οὐδὲν ἔχω πλὴν ζακότων νεκύων.

228.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Εἴ σ', ἄπληστε, τάφων δηλήμονα τοῖον ἐώλπειν, πάσσαλος ἃν τῆδε καὶ τροχὸς ἐκρέματο.

229.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίπτε μ' ἀνοχλίζεις κένεον τάφον; οστέα μοῦνα κεύθω και σποδιην τοισιν ἐπερκομένοις.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 223-229

223

I AM ashamed for the race of men if one ventured, O tomb, to cast thee down with unholy hands.

224

I was a tomb, a watch-tower on the mountain, but the hands of man laid me level with the ground. What law enjoined this?

225

This was my home after death, but iron attacked my tomb. May another possess thy home!

226

Use the mattock for husbandry, but on my tomb shed tears and lay no violent hands. That is justice to the dead.

227

Use the mattock for husbandry, but retire from my tomb. It contains naught but the wrathful dead.

228

If I had known, thou man of greed, that thou wert such a destroyer of tombs, a stake and a wheel had hung here.

229

Why dost thou disturb me, an empty tomb? I contain nothing for those who attack me but bones and dust.

230.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τύμβος ἐγώ, τύμβων πανυπέρτατος ἀλλ' ἐμὲ ῷξεν, ὅς τινα τῶν πολλῶν, ἀνδροφόνος παλάμη ἀνδροφόνος παλάμη με διώλεσε λήξατε τύμβων, θνητοί, καὶ κτερέων. δεῦτ' ἐπὶ νεκρά, κύνες δεῦτ' ἐπὶ νεκρά, κύνες ἤδη καὶ νεκύων χρυσολογοῦσι κόνιν.

231.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

"Αλλος τύμβον έγειρε, σὺ δ' ὤλεσας ἄλλος ἐγείροι σὸν τάφον, εἴγε θέμις ἄλλος ἔραζε βάλοι.

232.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

"Ηδη καὶ νεκύεσσιν ἐπέχραον οἱ φιλόχρυσοι" φεύγετε ἐκ τύμβων, εἰ σθένος, οἱ φθίμενοι.

233.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίπτε μ' ἀνοχλίζεις; νεκύων ἀμενηνὰ κάρηνα μοῦνα φέρω· τύμβων ὀστέα πλοῦτος ἄπας.

234.—Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Δαίμονας, οί με έχουσιν, ἀλεύεο οὔτι γὰρ ἄλλο τύμβος έχω τύμβωι ὀστέα πλοῦτος ἄπας.

235.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Εἰ χρυσοῦ δόμος ἢεν ὅλος τάφος, ὡ φιλόχρυσε, οὕποτ' ἔδει τοίην χεῖρα φέρειν Φειμένοις.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 230-235

230

I am a tomb surpassing all other tombs in height, but murderous hands opened me as if I had been one of the many. Murderous hands destroyed me Cease from building tombs and celebrating funerals, ye mortals. Come to the bodies, ye dogs! Come to the bodies, ye dogs! Seekers after gold gather gold now from the dust of the dead too.

231

ANOTHER man erected the tomb, and thou didst destroy it. Let another erect thy tomb, if Heaven permits it, and another lay it low.

232

Now the gold-seekers attack the dead, too. Fly from your tombs, ye dead, if ye have the strength.

233

Why dost thou heave up my stones? I contain naught but the feeble dead. The tomb's sole riches are bones.

234

Avoid the wrath of the spirits who haunt me, for I contain nothing else; the tomb's sole riches are bones.

235

Ir the whole tomb were built of gold, never, ye gold hunters, should ye thus have laid hands on the dead.

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236.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Λήθη καὶ σιγὴ νεκύων γέρας δς δ' ἀλάπαξεν, οὖτος ἐμὸν πολλοῖς θῆκεν ἄεισμα τάφον.

237.- Όμοίως

Πάντ' ἔχετε ζώοντες· ἐμοὶ δ' ὀλίγοι τε φίλοι τε λᾶες τῷ φθιμένῳ· φείδεο τοῦ νέκυος.

238.--Πρός τοὺς αὐτούς

Οὐ χρυσοῦ δόμος εἰμί· τί τέμνομαι; αὐτὸς ἔγωγε τύμβος, δν ὀχλίζεις· πλοῦτος ἐμοῦ νέκυες.

239.-- Όμοίως

Τύμβος εγώ κλέος η απερικτιόνων ανθρώπων νῦν δ' εἰμὶ στήλη χειρὸς αλιτροτάτης.

240.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Εί λίην φιλόχρυσον έχεις κέαρ, ἄλλον δρύσπειν χρυσόν· έμοι δ' οὐδὲν πλην φθιμένων κτερέων.

241. - Όμοίως

Μη δείξης μερόπεσσι γυμνον νέκυν, η σε γυμνώσει άλλος ο δε χρυσος πολλάκις έστιν όναρ.

242.—Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Οὐχ ἄλις ἢε βροτοῖσι βροτοὺς ἐπὶ χεῖρας ἰάλλειν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐκ νεκύων σπεύδετε χβυσὸν ἔχειν;

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 236-242

236

FORCETFULNESS and silence are the privileges of the dead. But he who despoiled me has made my tomb a theme of song for many.

237

YE have all ye wish, ye living, but I, the dead only my few dear stones. Spare the dead.

238

I am not a house of gold. Why am I broken? The tomb thou hackest to pieces is but a tomb All my wealth consists of corpses.

239

This tomb was the glory of the neighbouring peoples, but is now the monument of a most wicked hand.

240

Ir thy hand lust too much for gold, dig up other gold. I contain nothing but the remains of the dead.

24 P

Show not to men the naked corpse, or another shall strip thee. Often gold is but a dream.

242

Was it not enough for men to lay hands on men, but from the dead, too, ye strive to get gold?

GREEK ANTHOLOGY

243.— Όμοίως

Υμετέροις τύμβοισιν ἀρήξατε, οἱ τόδ' ὁρῶντες σῆμα δαϊχθὲν ὅσον. λεύσατε τυμβολέτην.

244.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τίς με τον έξ αίωνος ακινήτοισι λίθοισι κευθόμενον θνητοις δείξε πένητα νέκυν;

245.-- Όμοίως

Τίπτε τάφον διέκερσας εμόν, τάλαν; ως διακέρσαι σοί γε θεος βιοτήν, ω φιλόχρυσον άγος.

246.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Μῦθος Τάρταρος ἢεν, ἐπεὶ τάφον οὐκ ἂν ἔφξεν οὐτος ἀνήρ· οἴμοι, ὡς βραδύπους σύ, Δίκη.

247.- Όμοίως

'Ως βραδύπους σύ, Δίκη, καὶ Τάρταρος οὐκέτι δεινός' οὐ γὰρ ᾶν οὖτος ἀνὴρ τόνδ' ἀνέφξε τάφον.

248.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

"Ωμοσα τοὺς φθιμένους, καὶ ὤμοσα Τάρταρον αὐτόν, μήποτε τυμβολέταις εὐμενὲς ὄμμα φέρειν.

249.- Όμοίως

Ούρεα καλ πρώνες τὸν ζμὸν τάφον ως τιν έταιρον κλαύσατε· πᾶς δὲ πέσοι τῷ σφε τεμόντι λίθος.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 243-249

243

COME to the help of your tomb, ye who see this great tomb laid waste. Stone the despoiler.

244

Wно exhibited me to men, the poor corpse hidden for ages by undisturbed stones?

245

Why hast thou, wretch, despoiled my tomb? So may God despoil thy life, accursed hunter after gold!

246

Tartarus is, then, a myth, or this man would never have opened this tomb. Alas! Justice, how slow are thy feet!

247

How slow-footed art thou, Justice, and Tartarus is no longer a terror. Or else this man had not opened the tomb.

248

I swore by the dead, and by Tartarus itself, never to look with kind eyes on despoilers of tombs.

249

Mountains and hills, weep for my tomb as for a friend. Let every stone all on him who broke into it.

GREEK ANTHOLOGY

250.-Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Πλούσιός εἰμι πένης· τύμβφ πολύς, ἔνδον ἄχρυσος· ἴσθι καθυβρίζων νεκρον ἀσυλότατον.

251.-- Όμοίως

Κᾶν στῆς πυθμένος ἄχρις ἐμοὺς κευθμῶνας ὀρύσσων, μόχθος σοὶ τὸ πέρας ὀστέα μοῦνον ἔχει.

252.—Είς τοὺς αὐτούς

Τέμνετε, τέμνετε ώδε· πολύχρυσος γὰρ ὁ τύμβος τοῖς ποθέουσι λίθους· τἄλλα δὲ πάντα κόνις.

253.— Όμοίως

Γαΐα φίλη, μη σοίσι θανόνθ' ύποδέχνυσο κόλποις τον τυμβωρυχίης κέρδεσι τερπόμενον.

254.— Όμοίως

Υβριστης ἐπ' ἔμ' ηλθε τον οὐ ζώοντα σίδηρος·
καὶ χρυσον ποθέων εὖρε πένητα νέκυν.

BOOK VIII. EPIGRAMS 250-254

250

I AM a rich poor man, rich in my tomb, but within lacking gold. Know that thou insultest a corpse that hath no booty at all for thee.

251

EVEN if thou stayest digging up my recesses from the bottom, the end of all thy labour will be to find but bones.

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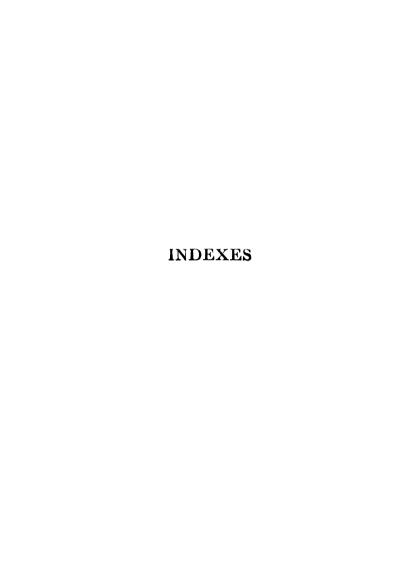
BREAK, break here; the tomb is rich in gold to them who seek stones. Otherwise it hath but dust.

253

DEAR Earth, receive not in thy bosom, when dead, the man who rejoices in gain gotten from breaking into tombs.

254

THE profaning steel attacked me, the dead, and seeking for gold, found but a needy corpse.



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